~THE STRONGEST BRIDE ON EARTH~

SUMOMOMO, MOMOMO

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The strongest bride on earth.
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Shinobu Ohtaka

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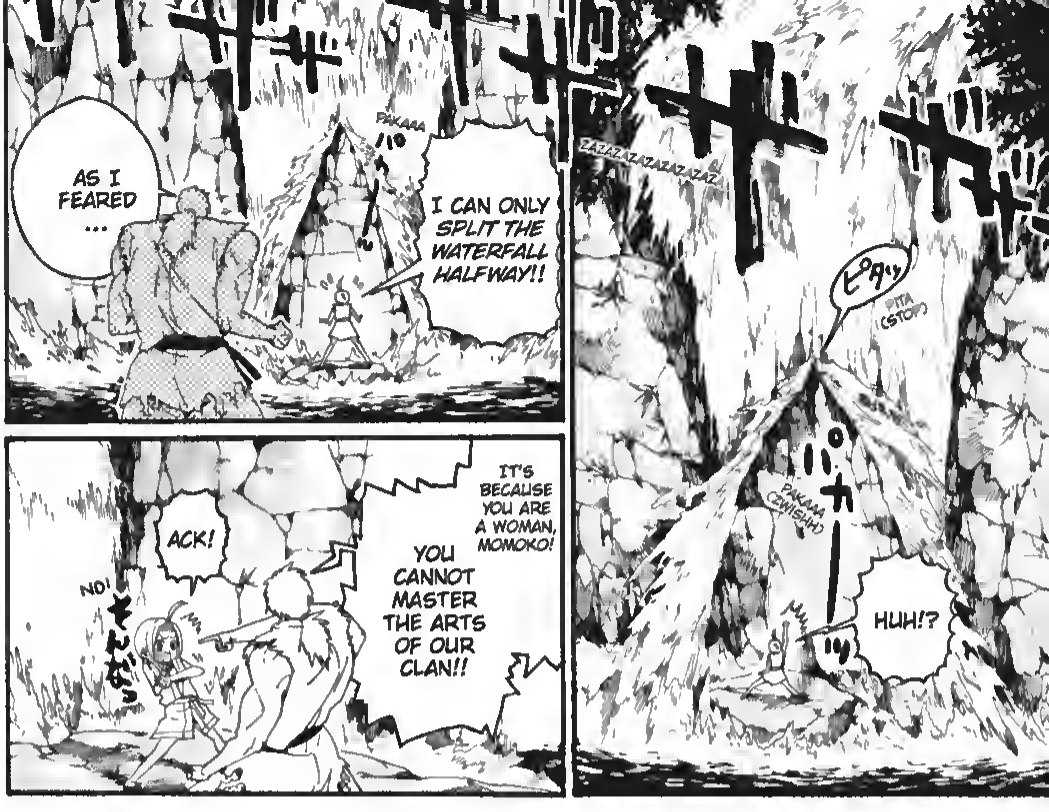
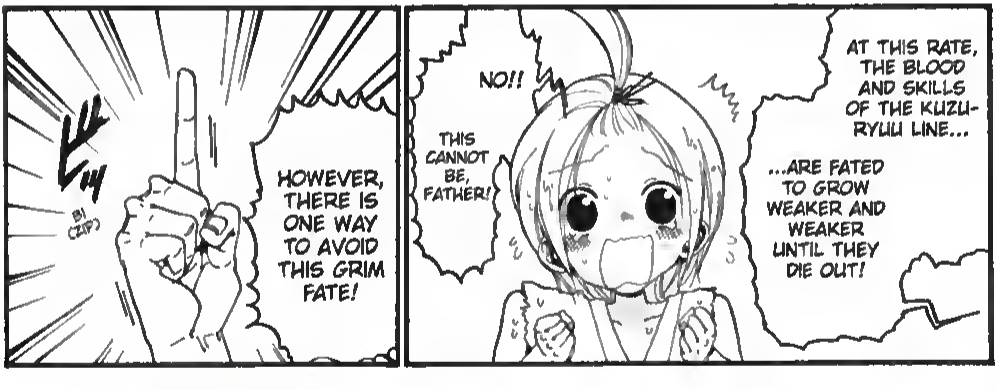
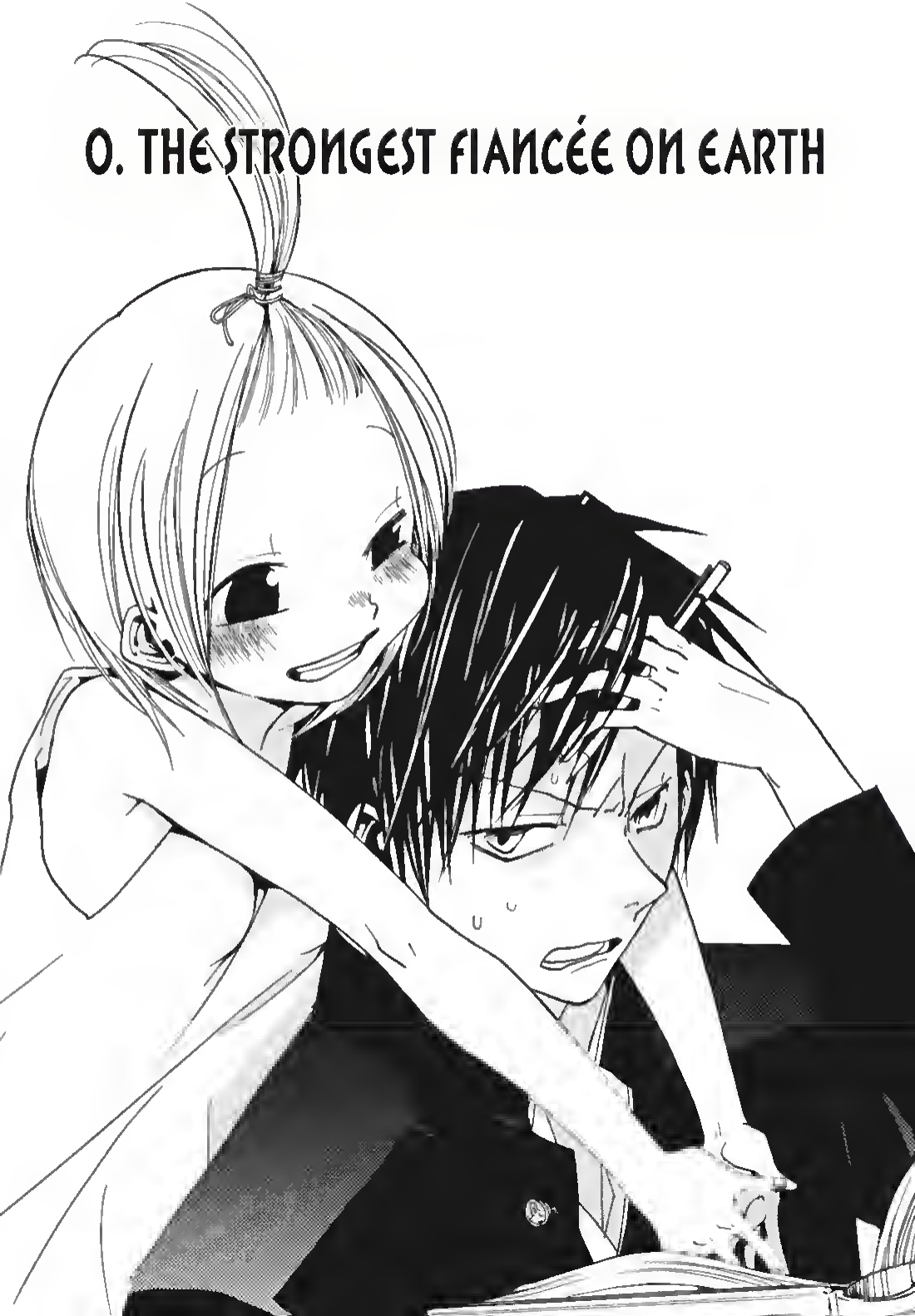
ZAZAZAZAZAZAZA (FWSHHHHH)
HAIRA ICHIDEN MUSOU-RYUU SECRET ART!!
HRAAA-AAAA-AAH...
ZAZAZAZAZ
RISING DRAGON SPLITTING HEAVEN SHOCK!!


AS I FEARED ...
PAKAAA
I CAN ONLY SPLIT THE WATERFALL HALFWAY!!
ZAZAZAZAZAZAZAZ
ピタッ
PITA (STOP)
PAKAAA (SWISH!)
HUH!?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE A WOMAN, MOMOKO!
YOU CANNOT MASTER THE ARTS OF OUR CLAN!!
ACK!
NO!


HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE WAY TO AVOID THIS GRIM FATE!
ピッ
(BI ZIP)
NO!!
THIS CANNOT BE, FATHER!
AT THIS RATE, THE BLOOD AND SKILLS OF THE KUZU-RYUU LINE...
...ARE FATED TO GROW WEAKER AND WEAKER UNTIL THEY DIE OUT!

SFX. ZAZAZAZAZAZA
YOU MUST WED THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN AND BEAR THE WORLD'S STRONGEST HEIRS!!!

0. THE STRONGEST FIANCÉE ON EARTH



NEWSPAPER: TOZAI POST AICHI MURDER CASE / FIRST HEARING APPEAL DISMISSED
HMPH...
THE APPEAL OF THE FIRST HEARING IN THAT AICHI MURDER CASE WAS DISMISSED...
I WOULD'VE GOTTEN THAT APPEAL ALLOWED, NO QUESTION ABOUT IT...
KOUSHI INUZUKA
KOUSHI!! SPINDLY SON OF MINE!!!
WHAT IS IT, FOOL OF A FATHER?
GACHA (WHAM)
TOZAI POST
DISPATCH ORDERED TODAY

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED ON BEING A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.
WARRIOR? YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING. WHAT KIND OF LEGAL AUTHORITY DOES A WARRIOR'S CODE HOLD IN TODAY'S WORLD?
THE BLOOD OF THE INU-ZUKA CLAN'S BASARA FUDOU SHINGAN-RYUU RUNS IN YOUR VEINS, YOU WEAKLING!
NOW GET TO YOUR TRAINING! YOU MUST SPEND YOUR LIFE ON THE PATH OF THE WARRIOR!
UNKEN INUZUKA
...
SILENCE, TWIT! I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!
YOU FEAR THE MARTIAL ARTS! YOU FLEE FROM THEIR WAYS!
..... WHAT WAS IT? WHY DID YOU ABANDON YOUR CALLING?
BA (ZWIP)-
HUH?
MMPH!
BLOOD-LUST!
WHAT WAS THE REASON, ANYWAY ...?

SHU (HOP)
GOGAN (KR-DOOM)
SHUUU (HISS)
YOU ARE NOT THE MASTER OF BASARA FUDOU SHINGAN-RYUU FOR NOTHING, I SEE!
YOU SENSED MY PRESENCE ...
HAIRA ICHIDEN MUSOU-RYUU SECRET ART!!
BA
BA (FWIP)

EEEEEK!
BLACK DRAGON MORNING DESTROY-ER!
HIGA (CHOMP) !!
KAKAKA (CRRRR)
ACK!
VLIN (WWW)
LITTLE FOOL ...
SUCCESS ...!!
HAA?
HAA (PANT)
!?
HE'S GONE!?
SHUUUUU (FSSSHHHH)

BA (PANT)
SKY...
BA
ABOVE ...
...SKY...
BA
BELOW ...
BAGI (CHOMP)
HWAAAAAAAH!!
SFX: KOOOOOO (VOOOHMMMMM
...I ALONE STAND ALMIGHTY!!!!
GWAAAHH!!
BARI
BARI
BARI
BARI (CHOMP)

SFX: BURU (SHIVER) BURU
FORGIVE ME FOR EXHIBITING SUCH INFERIOR WORK! I HAVE MUCH TO LEARN...
I AM MOVED... BY YOUR SKILL!
URGH..
BAKU! (SLUMP)
GYACK!
DOSHA (THWOMP)
DO NOT BELITTLE YOURSELF! YOUR SKILL IS IMPRESSIVE ...
T-THANK YOU ...!
JIN (TOUCHED)
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO SAY...
HAIRA STYLE, YOU SAID...? MIGHT YOU BE...
SUKU (STAMP)
YES, SIR! I AM LATE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!

HUH?
I AM THE ONLY CHILD OF HAIRA ICHIDEN MUSOU-RYUU HEAD SENDAYUU KUZURYUU— MOMOKO KUZURYUU!!
OSU!!!
BIKUUU (SHOCK)
HUHH-HHHHH!!?
VERY WELL!!
YES! YES! YES!
IT ALL HAPPENED AROUND THE TIME YOU WERE BORN...
I MUST EXPLAIN!
W-WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE...?
I HAVE COME TO MAKE A CHILD WITH KOUSHI INUZUKA-DONO!!!
MOMOKO KUZURYUU
SFX. GUGUGUGUGUGU (SQUEEEEEZE)
H-HOW COULD YOU ...!!?
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING!!
I BELIEVE YOUR SON WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR MY DAUGHTER!!
GASP (CLENCH)
BETROTHAL
I MADE A PACT WITH ANOTHER MAN...
SAME GOES FOR YOU!
N-NOT BAD!!

COME, KOUSHI-DONO! LET US ENGAGE IN BABY-MAKING!!
EEEEK!
SFX: BIRI (RIP) BIRI BIRI BIRI
D-DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!?
OF...
OF COURSE I DO!
THIS IS ABSURD! I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ANNUL AN UNFAIR ENGAGEMENT!
CIVIL CODE, ARTICLE 805, "ENGAGEMENT ANNULMENT"! MARRIAGE ENGAGEMENT IS DEFINED AS THE VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT OF—
SHU (ZIP)
BOOK: SIX CODES
I-IT MEANS ...
I-I- I WANT Y-YOU...
...TO HAVE S-S-SE—!!
DOKI (BADUM)
GYUU... (GRAAB)

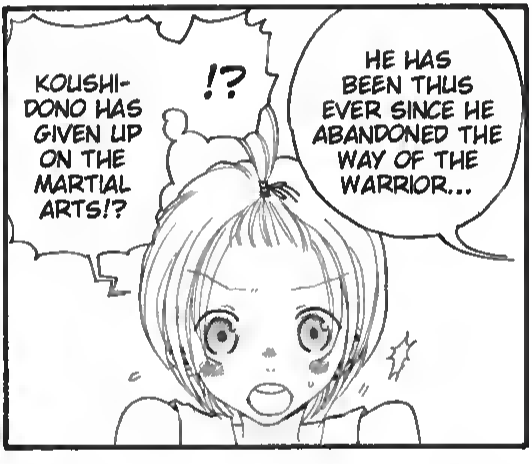
W-
WHY !?
GOTTA PACK FOR SCHOOL
BOOK: MATH II
...UNLIKE YOU PEOPLE ...
BECAUSE I HAVE A FULLY FUNCTIONAL, RATIONAL INTELLECT...
HAH (HAH!)
WHAAAAAAAAT!?
ビクーッ
BIKUUU (FLINCH)
HMPH! I REFUSE.
HIKUI (TWITCH)

バタン
BATAN (SLAM)
LISTEN, DAD. I'M NOT DOING ANY MARTIAL ARTS.
AND I'M DEFINITELY NOT MARRYING THAT GIRL!!

KOUSHI, STRONG?
YOU OVER-ESTI-MATE HIM, GIRL.
MY WEAKNESS IS ILL-SUITED FOR KOUSHI-DONO'S GREAT STRENGTH...
GAKUUUN (SLUMP)
NO... KOUSHI-DONO...!

NO!
IT IS A SAD SIGHT...
WHEN HE WITNESSES VIOLENCE, HIS LEGS TURN TO JELLY AND HE COWERS IN FEAR...
IT CANNOT BE! NOT KOUSHI-DONO!
ALAS, IT IS TRUE.

ROAD: STOP



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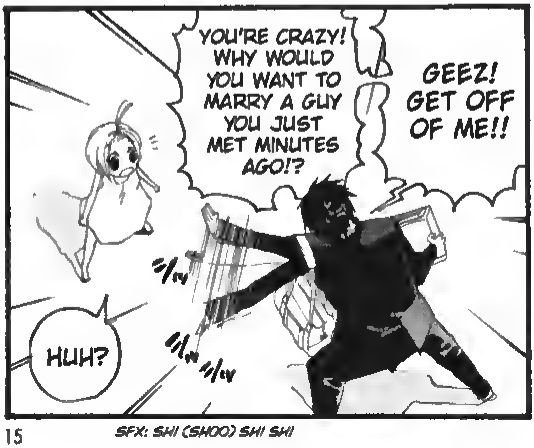
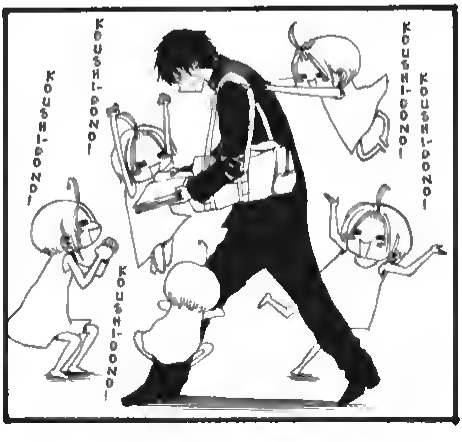
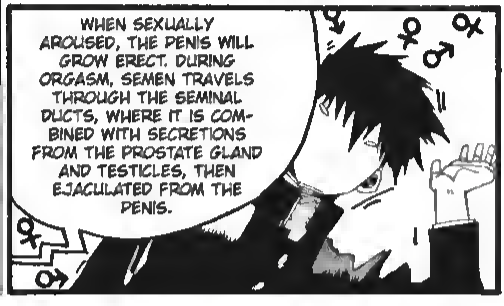




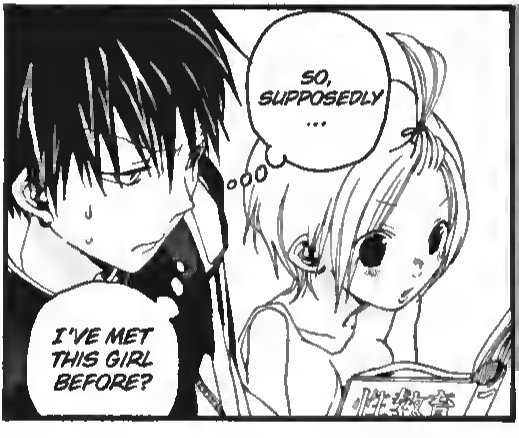
SFX: SHI (SHOO) SHI SHI

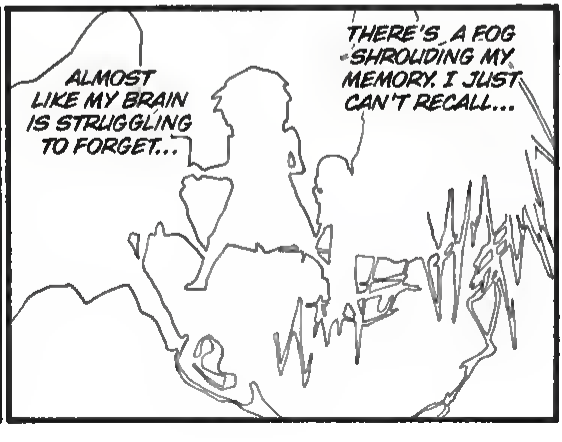
HUH?
THIS WAS NOT OUR FIRST MEETING!
WHAT-EVER DO YOU MEAN?
YOU USED TO BE SO DILIGENT IN LEARNING THE WAYS OF YOUR MARTIAL ARTS...
...WHY DID YOU GIVE THEM UP?
.....!?
WHAT'S GOING ON? I FEEL LIKE I'M REMEMBERING SOMETHING...!


WHEN SEXUALLY AROUSED, THE PENIS WILL GROW ERECT. DURING ORGASM, SEMEN TRAVELS THROUGH THE SEMINAL DUCTS, WHERE IT IS COMBINED WITH SECRETIONS FROM THE PROSTATE GLAND AND TESTICLES, THEN EJACULATED FROM THE PENIS.

BOOK: SEX ED

SFX: BUTSU (MUTTER) BUTSU



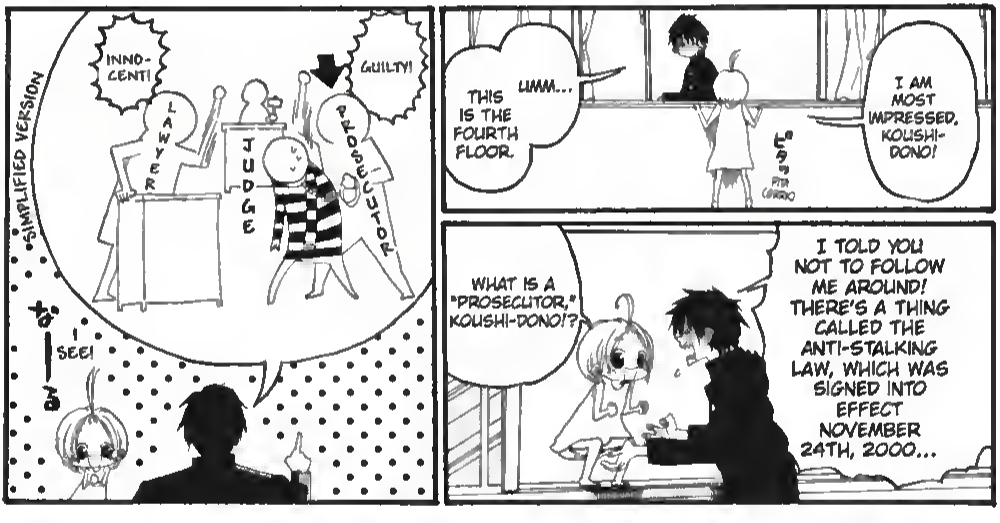


TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES THAT JUDGES BE...
THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS DIVIDED INTO THE SUPREME COURT AND LOWER COURTS; A THREE-STAGE TRIAL SYSTEM IS UTILIZED.
WAA (WOW)
KYAA (EEK)
KYAA
THE CONSTITUTION OUTLAWS EXTRA-ORDINARY TRIBUNALS TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM ARBITRARILY VIOLATING AN INDIVIDUAL'S HUMAN RIGHTS.

KE (PSSHO) IT
.....
.....
KYAA
...AND RELAXED AND MATURE!
HE'S SO HAND-SOME AND SMART...
KYAA
KYAA
INUZUKA-KUN'S SO COOL!
WELL DONE.
GOOD!
HE'S AMAZING!

SPLENDIDLY DONE, KOUSHI-DONO!!
HYOOOOO (WHOOOOOSH)
SFX: JIIN (TOUCHED)
OOOH!
WHATEVER JUST HAPPENED ...
...KOUSHI-DONO LOOKED VERY REGAL AND REFINED DOING IT!

SFX: NYUBA (ZOOP)
WAAAH!
BIKUUU (EEEP)
ビクッ
WELL DONE, SIR!!!
にゅぱっ
HOW CAN I EXPECT TO BE A PROSECUTOR IF I DON'T KNOW THESE THINGS?
HMPH...
ぽいっ
POI (TOSS)
BOOK: SIX CODES


SIMPLIFIED VERSION
INNO-CENT!
LAWYER
JUDGE
GUILTY!
PROSECUTOR
ふーん
I SEE!
UMM... THIS IS THE FOURTH FLOOR.
I AM MOST IMPRESSED, KOUSHI-DONO!
てくてく
PTR (WALK)
WHAT IS A "PROSECUTOR," KOUSHI-DONO!?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO FOLLOW ME AROUND! THERE'S A THING CALLED THE ANTI-STALKING LAW, WHICH WAS SIGNED INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 24TH, 2000...

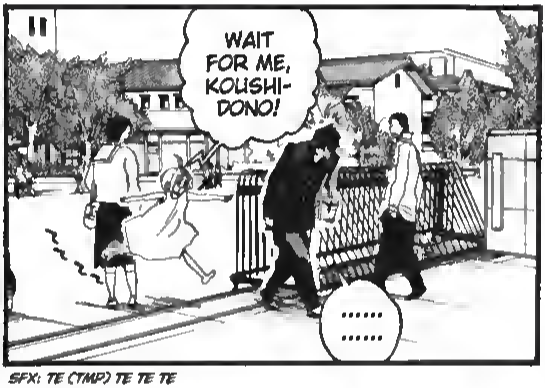
IF I'M GIVEN THE RIGHT TO ARGUE IN COURT...
...THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE CRIMINAL WHO UNFAIRLY ESCAPES HIS SENTENCE!!

CRAP!
DON (WHOP)
HELP US WITH OUR HOMEWORK, INUZUKA-KUN!
I SEE THAT KOUSHI-DONO IS INDEED THE MAN I THOUGHT HE WAS!
A JOB TO PUNISH THE WICKED! MOST ADMIRABLE!
I DEDICATE MY LIFE TO YOUR SERVICE!
JIIIN (TOUCHED)
THAT GUY'S IN YOUR CLASS?
.....
INUZUKA-KUN! ♡
GIKU (FLINCH)
DOESN'T HE PISS YOU OFF?
NAW, HE'S ALL RIGHT, ACTUALLY...
WE'VE GOT A BETTER USE FOR HIM...
I WISH I COULD WHOOP HIS ASS AND MAKE HIM CRY!
NYA NYA (SMIRK)
HERE'S OUR HOME-WORK...
...FOR YOU TO DO. ♡

WHAT?
YOU GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY? GOT A PROBLEM?
GA (THWAP)
SFX: DO (BMM) DO DO DO DO DO DO DO
GUGU (SQUEEZE)
GIKU (TWITCH)
!!
N-
NO...
HERA (CREAK)
GATA (SHIVER)

.....
KOUSHI-DONO...?
!!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THE HOME-WORK OF OTHERS?
GIKU! (FLINCH)
WE'LL BE BACK LATER, THEN! ♡
.....
.....
I...
...I NEED ALL THE HELP I CAN GET IF I EXPECT TO PASS THE BAR EXAMS IN THE FUTURE...
WHETHER IT'S MY HOMEWORK OR NOT, I'M STILL LEARNING NEW THINGS...
.....
.....
.....
WELL DONE, SIR!
...FOR THE SAKE OF FURTHERING YOUR OWN GOALS!
!!
AHA, I SEE!
YOU CHOOSE TO COMPLETE THE HOME-WORK OF A FRIEND...

TRULY, YOU HAVE NOT CHANGED IN THE MANY YEARS SINCE THEN!
YOU REMAIN AS STRONG AND KIND AND PURE-HEARTED AS EVER!
HE CAN'T FACE THE PEOPLE THAT SCARE HIM. WHAT A COWARD...
I GUESS ALL HIS BIG TALK IS JUST THAT!
THAT WAS HILARI-OUS!
JUST PUSH HIM A TINY BIT AND HE FREAKS!
SEE?
AIN'T HE *USEFUL*?



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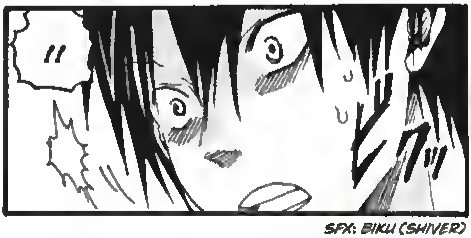


SFX: BIKU (SHIVER)

MY BODY'S FROZEN... I CAN'T MOVE!
SFX: DO (BMM) DO DO DO DO DO DO
BUT NO! WHY!?
JUST LET THEM BE...
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BOTHER WITH THIS.
KOUSHI-DONO?
...?
I HAVE A CRAM SCHOOL SESSION TODAY.
I HAVE TO GO.
!?
WHATEVER ARE YOU SAYING!?

I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BOTHER WITH THE *LITTLE THINGS* AT THIS POINT...
THERE ARE BIGGER, WORSE CRIMES FOR ME TO PUNISH IN THE FUTURE.
STUDYING IS OF MORE IMPORTANCE NOW...
.....
...LITTLE THINGS...?
BACK THEN...
...WHEN I WAS PICKED ON...
!?
...AND YOU SAVED ME... WAS THAT A *LITTLE THING* TOO?

...
BUT
...
...WAS ONLY A VERY "LITTLE" THING TO YOU, KOUSHI-DONO...
PER-HAPS I...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I CAN FEEL MYSELF RECALLING MORE!
BACK THEN, YOU WERE SO BRAVE AND STRONG...
YOU WERE THE BIGGEST, MOST POWERFUL PERSON IN MY LIFE...
EVER SINCE THEN, WHEN THINGS WERE HARD AND PAINFUL...
...I WOULD REMEMBER YOU AND BE INSPIRED TO PERSEVERE!

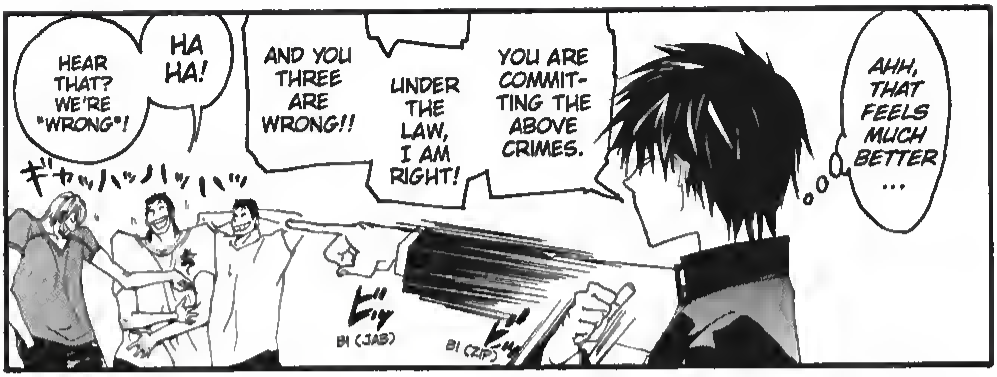
EVEN NOW... I STILL REVERE YOU GREATLY!!
.....
.....
...!!
...
D-
I STILL BELIEVE YOU ARE THE SAME STRONG, BENEVOLENT PERSON...

DON'T FORCE YOUR IDEALS ON ME!
I'M NOT BENEVOLENT, NOR AM I STRONG!
I ALWAYS KNEW I WAS A CHEAP, SHAMEFUL COWARD!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET MYSELF BE MOVED ENOUGH TO FORGET THAT!
!!!
...WHY DO YOU HAVE YOUR FIST CLENCHED THAT WAY!!?
NO IT'S NOT!!
THAT IS A LIE!
THEN TELL ME...

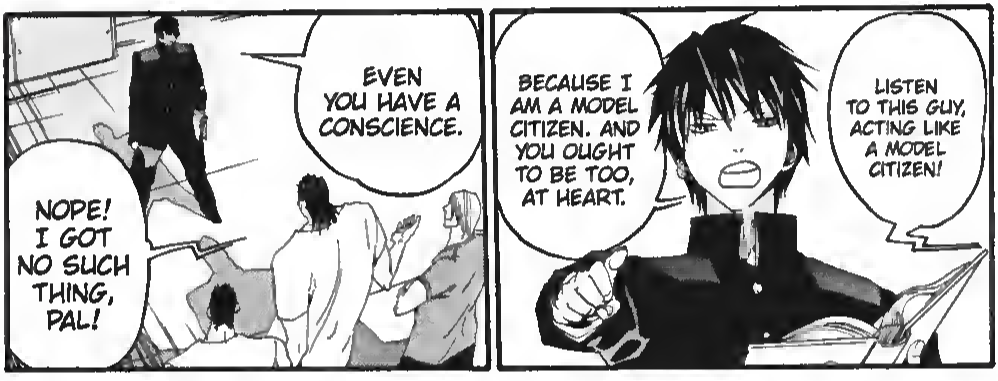
WHAT ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO KEEP DOWN INSIDE YOUR HEART...?

...I'VE BEEN SUPPRESSING MY REAL SELF DEEP DOWN INSIDE!!
GU'CORR!!
SHE'S RIGHT...
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO COWARDLY AND TERRIFIED...
WHADDA YOU WANT, INU-ZUKA!?
HUH!?
ZA CZOSHD
THIS IS DESPICABLE. KNOCK IT OFF.
HEY!
SUUUUU (HUFFF)

CRIMINAL CODE, ARTICLE 208, "ASSAULT"!! ANY PERSON FOUND ASSAULTING ANOTHER WILL SERVE A PRISON SENTENCE OF UP TO TEN YEARS OR BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO ¥300,000!!
CRIMINAL CODE, ARTICLE 249, "EXTORTION"!! A PERSON FOUND EXTORTING ANOTHER TO DELIVER PROPERTY WILL SERVE A PRISON SENTENCE OF UP TO TEN YEARS!!
GAA SZAAH
BOOK: SIX CODES
CRIMINAL CODE, ARTICLE 222, "INTIMIDATION"!! A PERSON FOUND THREATENING HARM TO ANOTHER WILL SERVE UP TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON OR BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO ¥300,000!!
!?
!?
!?


HEAR THAT? WE'RE "WRONG"!
HA HA!
ギャッハッハッハッ
AND YOU THREE ARE WRONG!!
UNDER THE LAW, I AM RIGHT!
YOU ARE COMMITTING THE ABOVE CRIMES.
AHH, THAT FEELS MUCH BETTER ...
BI (JAB)
BI (ZIP)

SFX. GYA HA HA


NOPE! I GOT NO SUCH THING, PAL!
EVEN YOU HAVE A CONSCIENCE.
BECAUSE I AM A MODEL CITIZEN. AND YOU OUGHT TO BE TOO, AT HEART.
LISTEN TO THIS GUY, ACTING LIKE A MODEL CITIZEN!

THIRD GRADE, RIGHT?
...YOU HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER, DON'T YOU?
YEAH?
WHAT'S IT TO YA!?
...THEY CAN DIE AND COME BACK AS SOMETHING ELSE!
IT'S THEIR FAULT FOR BEING BORN THAT WAY! IF THEY'VE GOT A PROBLEM...
ALL THOSE STUPID WEAK SISSIES ARE JUST ANIMALS FOR US TO PICK ON!

SO IF YOUR OWN BROTHER WAS BEING PICKED ON BY A BULLY...
...YOU'D BE GIVING HIM THE SAME SPEECH!?
!!!
HA (GASP)
WHY... YOU...
KAAA (CHRRRG)
YOU'RE A HYPOCRITE IF YOU ACT LIKE YOUR STATEMENT ONLY APPLIES TO SOME PEOPLE!
STOP PLAYING "BAD BOY" WITH YOUR WEAK-MINDED PROCLAMA-TIONS!!

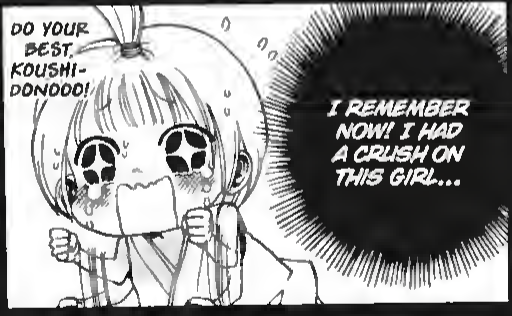
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET THAT ANGRY!
OHHH CRAP!
HUH!?
SAAA (WHOOSH)
BIKU (FLINCH)
ACK!
SHUT UP! SHUT YER FACE!
SH...
SFX: GA (GRPP)
LET'S SEE YOU TRY, INUZUKA!!
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!
GUI (TUG)
WHAAAAA!?
!?
WHAT!?
KOUSHI-DONO WILL CRUSH YOU RUFFIANS LIKE BUGS!!
WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHA...
SAAAA (WHOOSH)
YEAH, PUNK!
LET'S SEE YOU BEAT ME!
DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONO!
KAAAAN (DONGGGG)

I FEEL LIKE I CAN ALMOST REMEMBER!
WHY DID I QUIT, AGAIN?
WHY AM I DOING THIS? I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIGHT!
I GAVE UP ON FIGHTING AND MARTIAL ARTS...
SFX: ZUKI (THUMP)
DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONO!
AACK!
SFX: BIKU (FLINCH)
DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONO!
THAT VOICE! THOSE WORDS! I'VE HEARD THEM BOTH BEFORE!!
GAKU (TREMBLE)
GAKU GAKU

DO YOUR BEST!
DO YOUR BEST!
DO YOUR BEST!
DO YOUR BEST!
DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONO!
AHA!!!
DOKUN (BA-DUMP)

THIS HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE PAST!!
LET'S SEE YOU BEAT ME!
DO YOUR BEST!!
YEAH, FUNK!

AND WHEN I ACTED TOUGH, LIKE I DID JUST NOW...

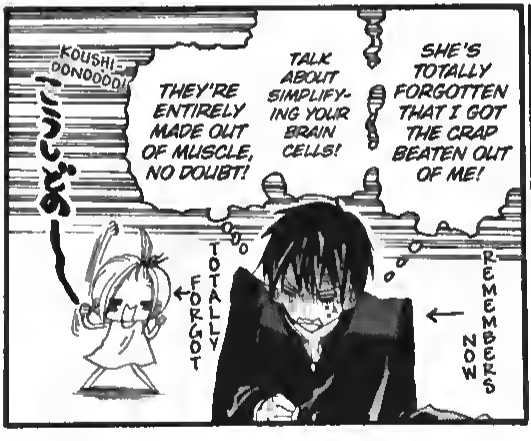

DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONOOO!
I REMEMBER NOW! I HAD A CRUSH ON THIS GIRL...

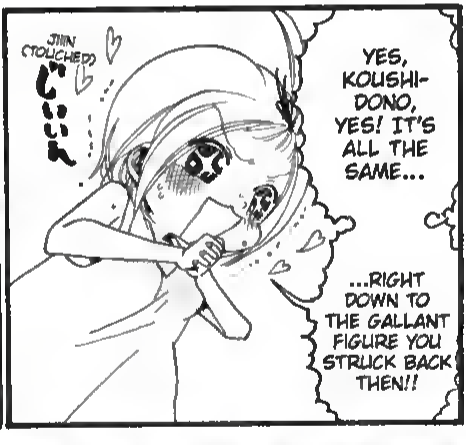
KECHON (OINK)

TAKE THIS!

HEE HEE HEE!
LOOKIT 'IS WEINER UPSIDE DOWN!
JIII (SPARKLE)
GET SERIOUS, KOUSHI-DONO! HURRY!
EAT THIS TURD!
HI (EEP)
N-NO... DON'T... DON'T LOOK!
HUH!?
BOKO (THUMP)
WHAT THE HELL! HE'S A TOTAL WUSS!
HYAAAAA!
BOKO
AND EVER SINCE, I'VE BEEN TERRIFIED OF FIGHTING!!
I WAS BEATEN UP IN FRONT OF THE GIRL I LIKED!
SFX: UHYAAAA
YEAH, GIVE US YOUR BEST SHOT!!
ORAAA (ORAAAA)
DO YOUR BEST, KOUSHI-DONO!
JIII (SPARKLE)

KISHAA (KSHH)
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN DO THIS!!!!


KOUSHI-DONOOOO!
THEY'RE ENTIRELY MADE OUT OF MUSCLE, NO DOUBT!
TALK ABOUT SIMPLIFY-ING YOUR BRAIN CELLS!
SHE'S TOTALLY FORGOTTEN THAT I GOT THE CRAP BEATEN OUT OF ME!
TOTALLY FORGOT
NOW REMEMBERS

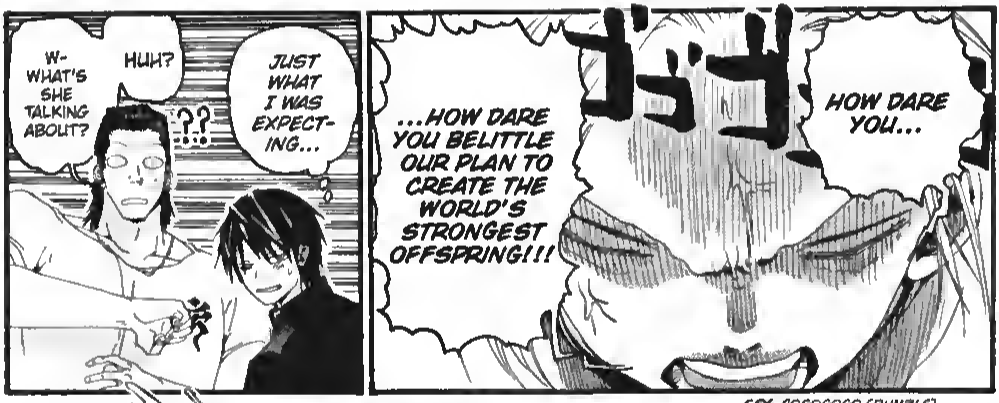

JIIN (TOUCHED)
YES, KOUSHI-DONO, YES! IT'S ALL THE SAME...
...RIGHT DOWN TO THE GALLANT FIGURE YOU STRUCK BACK THEN!!

OF COURSE. SHE'S JUST AS NUTS ABOUT FIGHTING AS DAD IS...
THIS MORNING
BLACK DRAGON MORNING DESTROYER !!
WWWWWK

ALL RIGHT, YOU THUGS! FAILURES! DEADBEATS!
IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE MOST OF MY MOUTH!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN POSSIBLY BEAT THESE LUNKS IN A STRAIGHT FIGHT.
I'LL HAVE TO UTILIZE THIS GIRL'S RIDICULOUS STRENGTH SOMEHOW!
MUKAAAA (GRRRR)
ADMIT IT!
WHY ...
...YOUU-UUU!
BE HONEST- YOU'RE JEALOUS OF ME, AREN'T YOU?
YOU'LL AGREE THAT I AM SUPERIOR TO YOU IN ALL FACETS!
WHAT!?
HMPH...
SUCH RUDENESS HE IS SHOWING KOUSHI-DONO!
KACHIN (SNAP)
A GLOOMY, WEAK LITTLE COWARD!
WHY THE HELL WOULD I BE JEALOUS OF SOMEONE LIKE YOU!?

BOY, YOUR FIRSTBORN'S GONNA BE ONE MAJOR BLOCKHEAD!!
I FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR FUTURE KIDS, BORN WITH STUPIDITY GENES!
YOU MUST BE STUPID ON A GENETIC LEVEL...
ARE YOU DONE, OR IS THAT THE LIMIT OF YOUR VOCABULARY?
TH-THAT'S IT, INUZUKAAAA!!
RIGHT BACK AT YOU! I FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR KIDS!!
THEY'RE GONNA HAVE YOUR... YOUR WEAK GENES!
I BET YOUR KIDS ARE GONNA BE THE FLIMSIEST, FEEBLEST KIDS THAT EVER WALKED THE EARTH!!!
PUTSU (POP)

SFX: MOGOGOGOGOGO (MRRRRGGGGHH)


W-WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?
JUST WHAT I WAS EXPECT-ING...
...HOW DARE YOU BELITTLE OUR PLAN TO CREATE THE WORLD'S STRONGEST OFFSPRING!!!
HOW DARE YOU...

SFX: GOGOGOGO (RUMBLE)

SFX: GAOOOOO (ROAAARRRR)

SFX: DOKI (BADUMP) DOKI

MOMOKO FRENZY LIMIT BREAK!!
EEY-AAAGH!

KYAAAA
NOOOO!
AWWWAAA
SHAAAA (HSHHHD
KISHAAAAA (HISSSSS)

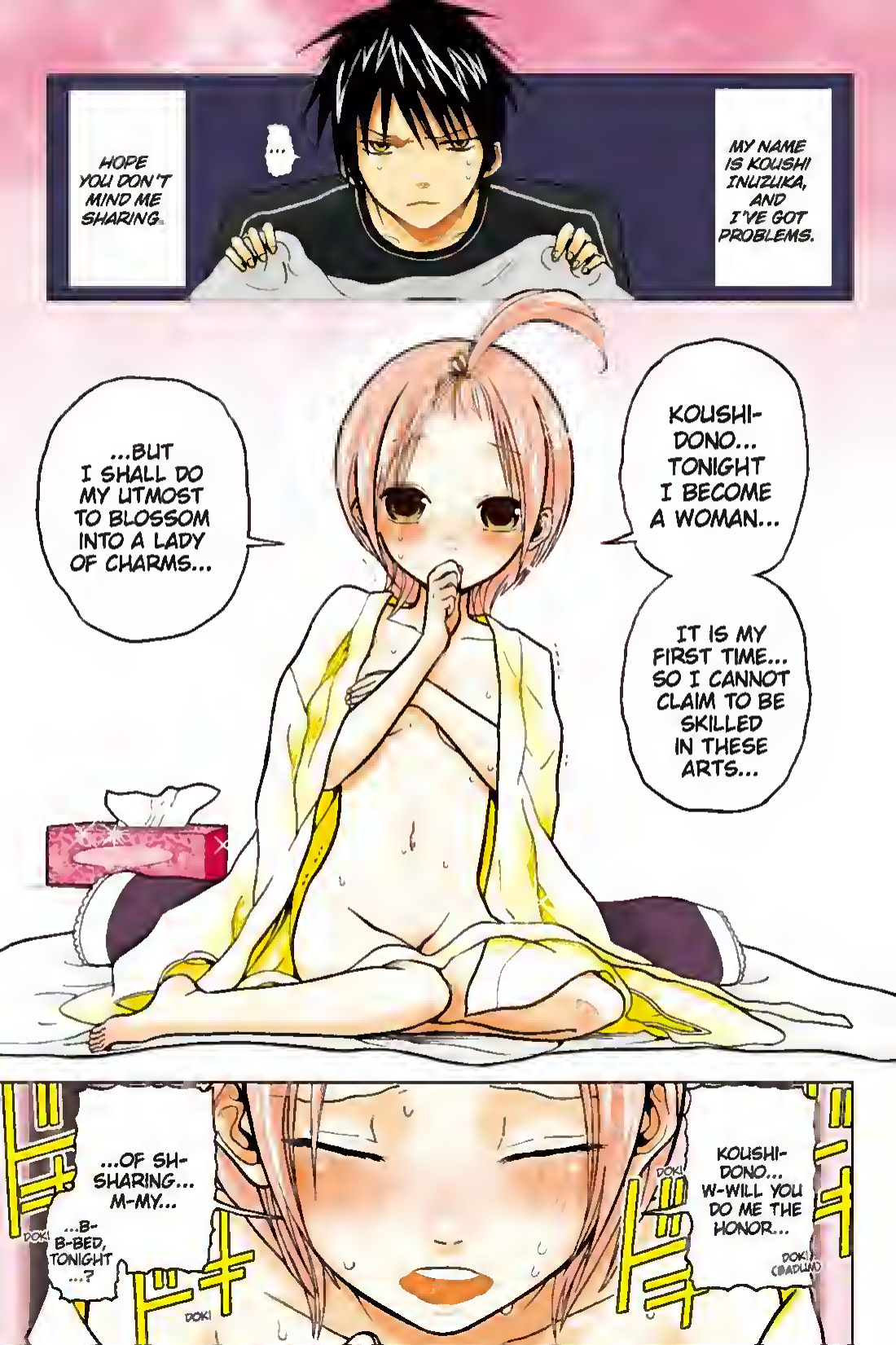
BOOK: SIX CODES
GOGOGOGOGO (BRRRRM)
ごごごごごごご
六法全書
SFX: PIKU (TWITCH) PIKU
URRRG!
ピク ピク
ニガサルカ
(DON'T LET ME ESCAPE)
ARE YOU LETTIN' US GO ...?
INU-ZUKA...
JIN (TOUCHED)
DO YOU PROMISE NOT TO DO WICKED THINGS ANY-MORE?
SU... (SHHD
SFX: KISHAAA (HISSSS)
NO... DON'T!
WE'RE HELPLESS! WE CAN'T...
AND NOW, FOR THE FINISH!!!
WHAAAA!?
PIKUUU (EEEP)
ビクッ!!
BFF!
GO (DWO)
THE DISPENSING OF JUSTICE MAY BE CRUEL...
WELL DONE, KOUSHI-DONO!
HMPH.
AND THAT'S THAT.

...BUT I WILL NEVER LET MY BATTLE WITH EVIL DEEDS LAPSE!!!
KIRI (SNAP)
SFX: JIIIIIN (TOUCHED)
IDIOT...
SUNSET FOR THE HELL OF IT.
IDIOT
I LOVE YOU!!

NO, NO! NO MARRIAGES!!
AND NOW, THE CEREMONY!
YOUR SPOT!
WE HAVE RETURNED, FATHER-IN-LAW!!
VERY GOOD!!
SFX. GARAGARAAA (SHHLINK)
YOU ARE STILL WILLING TO UNDERGO RITUAL MATRIMONY WITH THIS PASTY, FEEBLE SON OF MINE?
WHY WOULD I NOT!?
SAAAA (URRP)
I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS!!
...UNTIL THE DAY KOUSHI-DONO DEEMS ME FIT TO BE HIS WIFE!!
IN THAT CASE, I WISH TO REMAIN IN THE INUZUKA HOUSEHOLD TO DISCIPLINE MYSELF...
WHAAAT!!?
ZA!! (STMP)
AS I HAVE WITNESSED FOR MYSELF THIS VERY DAY...
...KOUSHI-DONO IS EVER AS STRONG AND BENEVOLENT AS I KNEW HIM TO BE!!
...!!

IT DOESN'T FEEL BAD, THOUGH.
...BAH...
...I WAS IN A BIZARRE STATE OF MIND TODAY...

UHYAAAA
BACK THEN
WAIT... I THINK I'M RECALLING SOMETHING LONG FORGOTTEN FROM BACK THEN!!
"UHYAAAA"?
SHU (ZWIP)
AND NOW, THE SEX!!!
BIRI (RIP)
BIRI
BIRI
GIKLIU (TWITCH)
UHYAAAA!
DON'T REMEMBER, DON'T REMEMBER!
IT'S COMING! I'M REMEMBERING!


HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME SHARING.
...
MY NAME IS KOUSHI INUZUKA, AND I'VE GOT PROBLEMS.
...BUT I SHALL DO MY UTMOST TO BLOSSOM INTO A LADY OF CHARMS...
KOUSHI-DONO... TONIGHT I BECOME A WOMAN...
IT IS MY FIRST TIME... SO I CANNOT CLAIM TO BE SKILLED IN THESE ARTS...
...OF SH-SHARING... M-MY...
...B-B-BED, TONIGHT ...?
DOKI
DOKI
KOUSHI-DONO... W-WILL YOU DO ME THE HONOR...
DOKI
DOKI (CRADLING)

チーン
CHIIN (SNIFF)
ビク
BIKU (GERK)
AAAH!
HMPH. I REFUSE.
チーン
CHIIN
NO.
SHE LIVES IN MY HOUSE AND DEMANDS THAT I GET HER PREGNANT. YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW OBNOXIOUS THIS IS.
うおおおお
WAHHHH!
PLEASE, KOUSHI-DONO, PLEASE!
GIVE ME A BABY! I NEED A BABY!
AT THE ROOT OF ALL MY PROBLEMS IS THIS GIRL, MOMOKO KUZURYUU.

HERE'S THE STORY: OUR FAMILIES ARE APPARENTLY BOTH DESCENDED FROM LONG LINES OF TRADITIONAL MARTIAL ARTS DISCIPLINES.

MAR-RIAGE!

MAR-RIAGE!

MAR-RIAGE!

AND OUR FATHERS GOT TOGETHER AND BRILLIANTLY DECIDED THAT OUR SUPERIOR GENES SHOULD BE COMBINED, AND SO BETROTHED THE TWO OF US.

BANNER: KUZURYUU ○ INUZUKA

WELL, I'M NOT GETTING MARRIED TO HER! I'M JUST A NORMAL PERSON WITH NO INTEREST IN MARTIAL ARTS.

PLUS, THIS GIRL IS TROUBLE. I KNOW FROM EXPERI-ENCE.

UHYAAAA!

I KNEW HER WHEN I WAS A LITTLE KID, AND THE EXPERI-ENCES I WAS PUT THROUGH ON HER BEHALF HAVE LEFT ME ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIED OF THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE...

UNTIL RECENTLY, I'D BEEN ENSLAVED BY A GROUP OF THUGS

BUT IRONI-CALLY ENOUGH ...

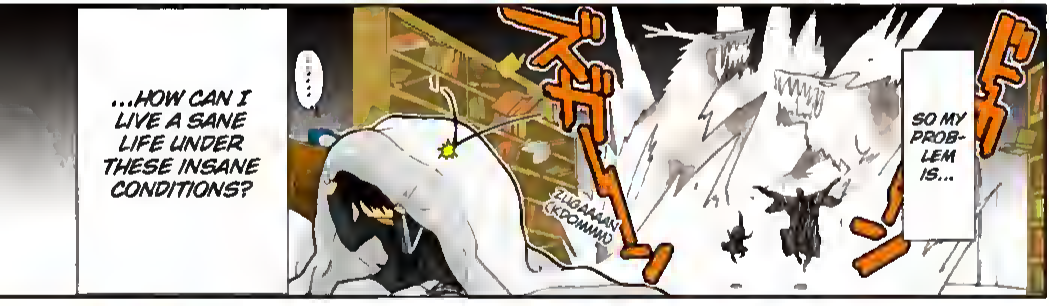
...I'VE STARTED OVER-COMING MY FEAR AND WEAK-NESS...

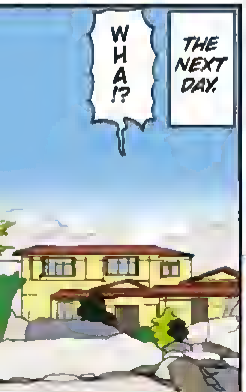
...ON ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT SHE'S COME BACK INTO MY LIFE...

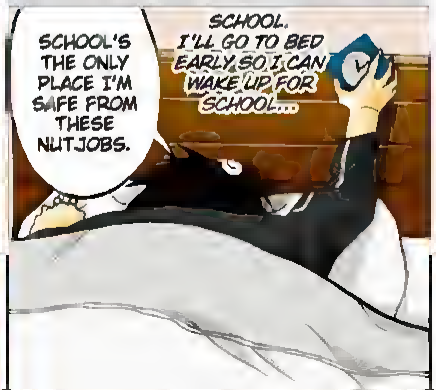
?

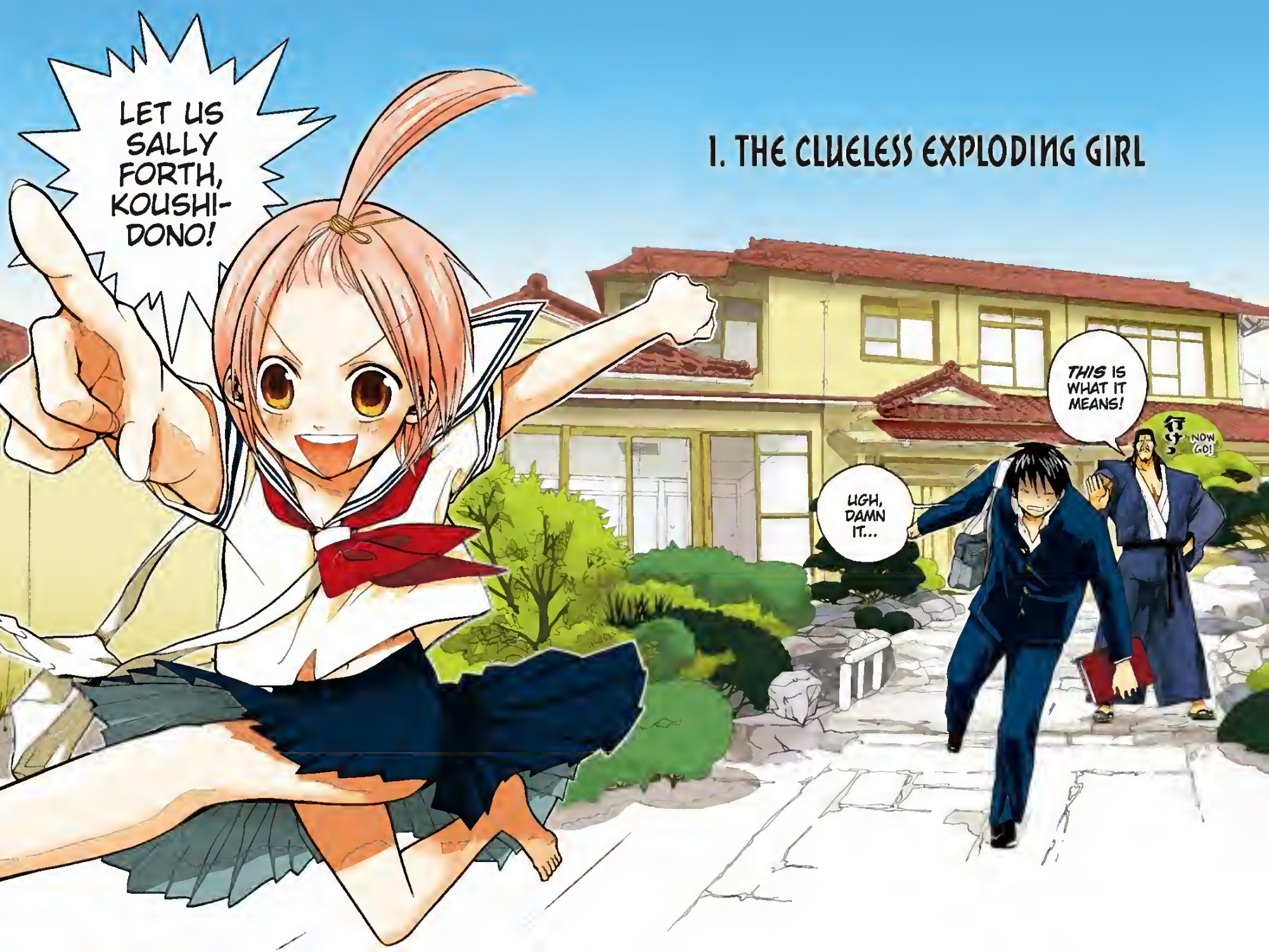
NUAA (GRAAH)
NUAA
SHI
SHI (SHOO)
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, DAD? I'M NOT A MARTIAL ARTIST!
I'M GOING TO BE A COURT PROSECUTOR!
STOP READING THOSE BOOKS AND START LEARNING SOME KILLER ATTACKS!!
BAH! YOU PA-THETIC LITTLE TWIG!
KOOOU-UUUUSHI-!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
GET TO YOUR TRAINING, BOY!!
KOUSHI'S FATHER
UNKEN INUZUKA
BATAAN ISLAND
CRAP... NOT YOU!!
WELL SAID, MOMOKO! HAVE AT THEE!
I MUST BE SUITABLE FOR THE ROLE OF KOUSHI-DONO'S WIFE!
GIVE ME THE TRAINING, FATHER-IN-LAW! I WISH TO BE STRON-GER!

SFX: DOKAAAN (KABOOM)







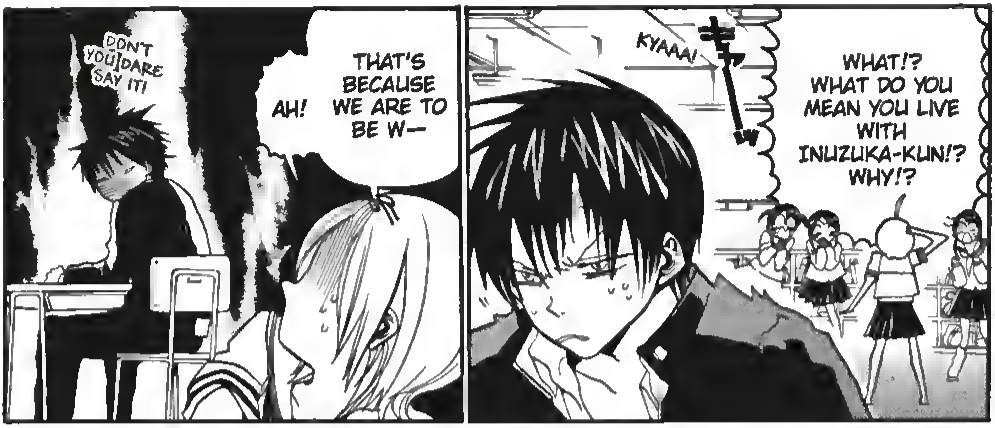

LET US SALLY FORTH, KOUSHI-DONO!
1. THE CLUELESS EXPLODING GIRL
UGH, DAMN IT...
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS!
行け
NOW GO!

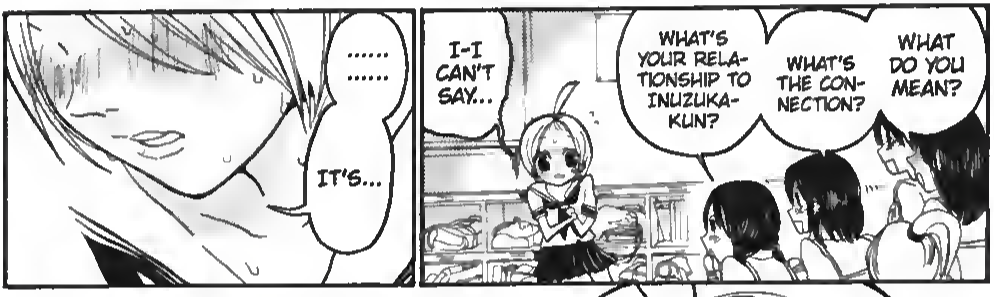
OSU!!!
押忍!!

WHAT'S UP WITH YOU? ARE YOU NERVOUS?
GISSHI (HUP)
GISSHI
WE MARCH INTO BATTLE ...
WHAT?
I WILL BE SURE TO ACT IN A WAY BEFITTING MY POSITION AS YOUR FUTURE WIFE!
BUT DO NOT FEAR!
I HAVE NOT BEEN TO SCHOOL IN QUITE A WHILE.
Y-YES.
AFTER ALL, I HAVE SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS IN THE MOUNTAINS TRAINING WITH FATHER...
NOTHING !!!
...THERE'S NO "WIFE" THIS...
...NO "BABY" THAT ...
WHILE WE'RE AT SCHOOL ...
ALL RIGHT, NOW YOU LISTEN TO ME...
CROWD: KYAAA!! KYAAA!! WHAT THE HELL!? HOW SCANDALOUS! NO WAAAY!!
CAN'T HAVE THAT.
キャー 何ソレー ケッコンよ いやー
I AM KOUSHI-DONO'S WIFE! WE'RE HAVING A BABY!

LETTER: TO MY FRIEND

THE TRUE REASON WHY YOU MUST BEAR A CHILD TOGETHER...
...AND THE FATE WITH WHICH YOU ARE BOTH BURDENED!
BIKU (TWITCH)
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
SO YOUR NAME IS MOMOKO KUZURYUU-CHAN?
ZAWA
NICE TO MEET YOU!
RELAX! LOOSEN UP!
SO CUTE!
LOOK HOW NER-VOUS SHE IS!
MISHI
MISHI (KRIK)
KYU (GRK)
PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW HER.


DON'T YOU DARE SAY IT!
AH!
THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE TO BE W—
KYAAA!
WHAT!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU LIVE WITH INUZUKA-KUN!? WHY!?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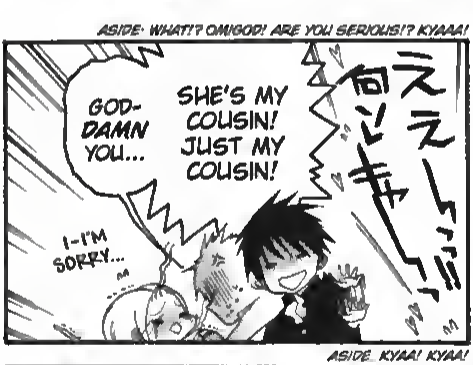
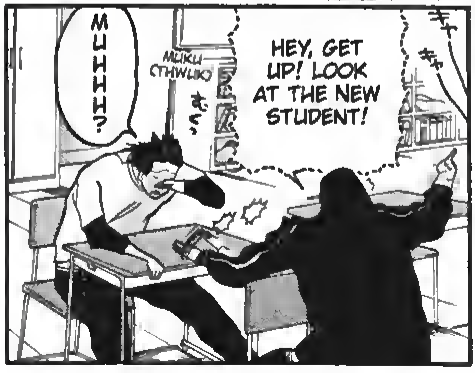
IT'S...
I-I CAN'T SAY...
WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO INUZUKA-KUN?
WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


ASIDE: WHAT!? OMIGOD! ARE YOU SERIOUS!? KYAAA!
えーっ!?何ソレ!?キャー!
GOD-DAMN YOU...
SHE'S MY COUSIN! JUST MY COUSIN!
I-I'M SORRY...


ASIDE: KYAA! KYAA!
MUHHH?
MUKU (THWUK)
HEY, GET UP! LOOK AT THE NEW STUDENT!

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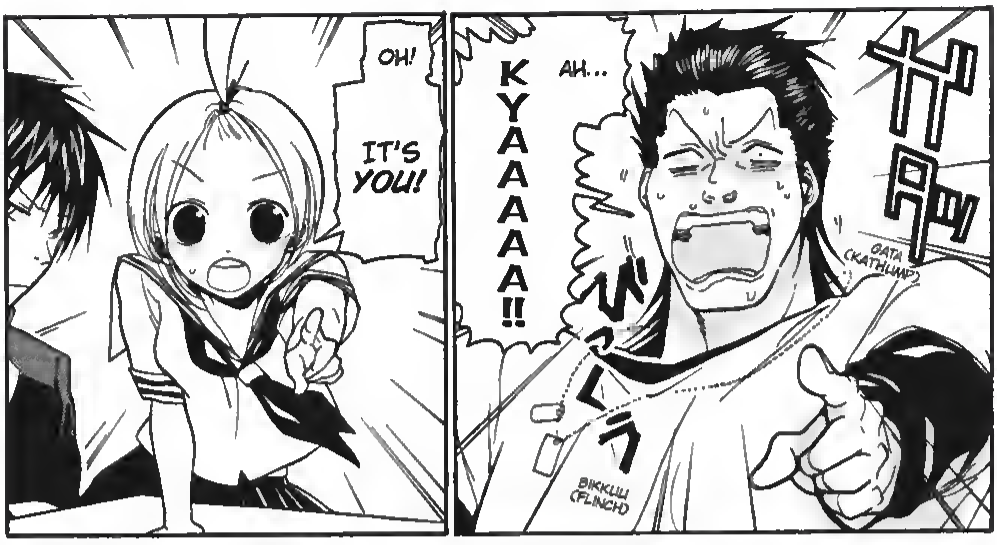
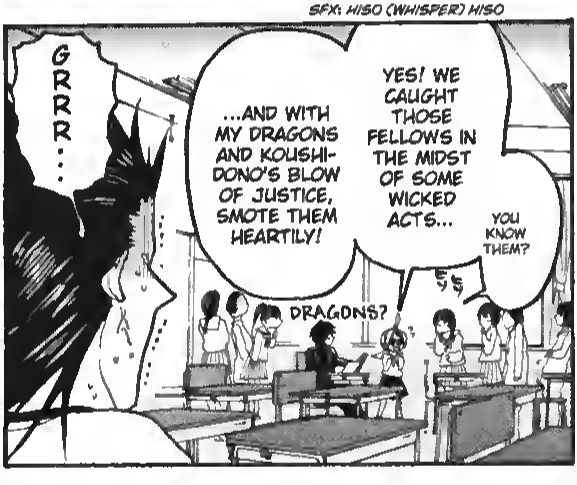
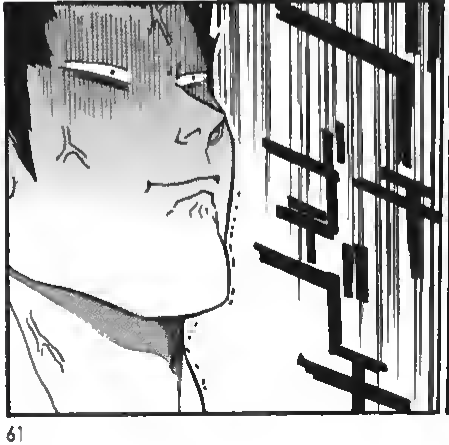
KAA (BLUSH)
IT'S AN UNSPEAKABLE RELATIONSHIP...


OH!
IT'S YOU!
AH...
KYAAAAAA!!
GATA (CLATTER)
BIKKUU (FLINCH)

SFX: HISO HISO HISO HISO
HEE HEE HEE...
DID YOU JUST HEAR HIM GO "KYAAA"?
PFFT...


SFX: HISO (WHISPER) HISO
GRRR...
...AND WITH MY DRAGONS AND KOUSHI-DONO'S BLOW OF JUSTICE, SMOTE THEM HEARTILY!
YES! WE CAUGHT THOSE FELLOWS IN THE MIDST OF SOME WICKED ACTS...
YOU KNOW THEM?
DRAGONS?


SFX: BUCHI (SNAP) BUCHI BUCHI

CHIRA (PEEK)
HEH

ARGH! DAMN THAT COCKY LITTLE INUZUKA!
GAN GWHAM!
YOU SAW THOSE DRAGONS...
DRA-GONS
DRAGONS. SO WHAT?
PSSH ...
JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, HE WAS OUR SLAVE, MAN!
I'LL KILL HIM...AND HIS LITTLE COUSIN!
D-DUDE, FORGET ABOUT IT...
OH YEAH! SAIGO-SAN!
HE COULD TAKE CARE OF ANYBODY, NO PROBLEM!
WE'VE GOT OUR BOSS TO RELY ON...
...DON'T YOU REMEMBER SAIGO-SAN!?
NRRGH...
SAIGO-SAAA-AAAN!
SAIGO-SAN!

GOGOGOGOGOGO (GRRRRRRAAAAA)
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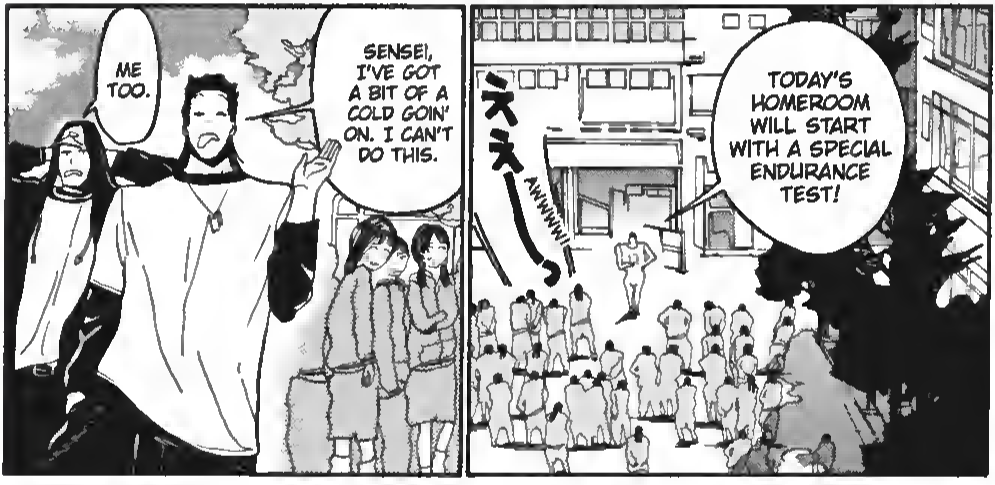
ゴゴゴ
SAIGO-SAN, YOU ARE AWESOME! YOU'RE THE BEST, SIR!
WHOOOOOOA!
YOU'RE LIKE, THE BADDEST OF THE BAD, SIR!
.....
GOGOGO
GOGOGO
SAIGO-SAN IS AS STRONG A MAN AS CAN BE! ONCE, HE INVADED THE INFAMOUS FURINKAZAN HIGH ALL BY HIMSELF...
...WHERE HE BEAT EVERY MAN BLOODY IN THE LEGENDARY 3/15 MASSACRE. THE MEMORY OF WHICH STILL REMAINS FRESH IN LOCAL MINDS!

TO OUR BOSS, SAIGO-SAN...
...DESTROYING INUZUKA AND HIS LITTLE FRIEND WILL BE A PIECE O' CAKE!
ゴゴゴゴゴ
EVERY WORTHLESS SKUNK IN THE KANTO AREA TREMBLES WHEN HE HEARS THAT NAME AND FALLS TO HIS KNEES WHEN HE SEES THAT FIGURE.
……
THE EMPEROR OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

SFX: GOGOGOGOGO


SENSEI, I'VE GOT A BIT OF A COLD GOIN' ON. I CAN'T DO THIS.
ME TOO.
TODAY'S HOMEROOM WILL START WITH A SPECIAL ENDURANCE TEST!
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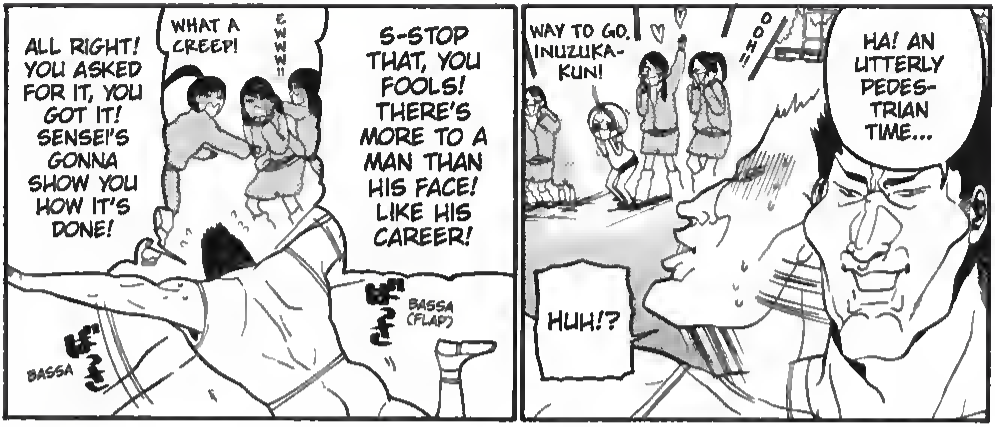
AWWWW!

PSSH...!!
.....
TH-THREATEN ME ALL YOU WANT...
...I'M NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO YOU GUYS ANYMORE.
A COLD!? PATHETIC!
WHY CAN'T YOU TWERPS PUMP YOURSELVES UP, LIKE ME!?
WHAT ARE THEY PLOTTING?
...
GEEZ... WHY CAN'T THEY GIVE IT A REST?
...AND ALL-AROUND SUPER-ATHLETE!!
HA-HA-HA-HA!
...OF DAIGORO NITTAI, MEMBER OF THE 1984 JAPANESE OLYMPIC GYMNASTICS TEAM...
FOLLOW THE LEAD ...
TEMPORARY TEACHER FOR KOUSHI'S CLASS
DAIGORO NITTAI

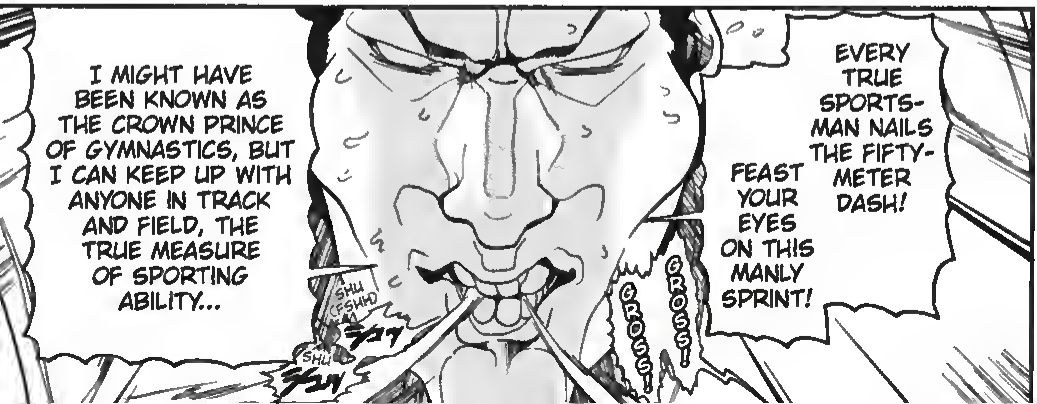
I HATE THIS GUY...
NOT AGAIN...
...I'D LIKE TO TALK A BIT ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS IN WHICH I APPEARED!
BUT! BEFORE WE TEST YOUR ENDURANCE...
YOU COMPETED IN THE OLYMPICS, SENSEI!?
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
PIKU (PERK)

SFX: BISH!!! (WHABAMM)
...COMPETED IN THE LEGENDARY LOS ANGELES OLYMPIC GAMES IN WHICH THE JAPANESE MEN'S GYMNASTICS SQUAD TOOK HOME A WHOLE NINE MEDALS!!
INDEED! TWENTY YEARS AGO, I, DAIGORO NITTAI...
EXCELLENT! SENSE! LOVES THOSE LITTLE BLOOMERS!
AND YOU'RE WEARING YOUR SCHOOL BLOOMERS!
VERY GOOD OF YOU TO NOTICE! I SENSE BIG THINGS IN YOUR FUTURE!
OH? YOU MUST BE THE NEW STUDENT!
SFX: KLIN (SNIFF) KLIN KLIN
PISHI (CRACK)
KLIN
BOSO (MUTTER)
I THOUGHT YOU FAILED IN THE PRELIMS.
...WHY DON'T YOU BE A LITTLE MORE PRECISE AND SIMPLY SAY, "I COMPETED IN THE OLYMPIC PRELIMINARIES"? AS IT IS, I THINK YOU'RE BEING A BIT MISLEADING...
KUSU
KUSU
YOU ALWAYS SAY, "I COMPETED IN THE OLYMPICS" ...
KUSU (GIGGLE)
KUSU
PFFT!

I-INUZU-KAAAAA!
UP TO THE FRONT!
THAT WAS MEAN, INUZUKA-KUN! HE THINKS THAT'S STILL A SECRET...
...EVEN THOUGH WE ALL KNOW IT.
A SAD LITTLE MAN, INFLATING HIS GLORIES OF THE PAST... GROSS!
NO WONDER NOBODY LIKES HIM.
NO WONDER HE'S STILL SINGLE.
SFX: KUSU (GIGGLE) KUSU
SFX: HISO (WHISPER) HISO
RUN FIFTY METERS, INUZUKA!
YOU BOOKISH LITTLE TWERP!
PREPARE TO BE HUMILI-ATED!
YES, SIR.
WHAT IS IT, SIR?
PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT IS A VIOLATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE, EDUCATORS' DUTIES.
SH—
SHUT UP! SPEAK JAPANESE, DAMN YOU!
STOP READING THAT BOOK!
7.3 SECONDS!


ALL RIGHT! YOU ASKED FOR IT, YOU GOT IT! SENSEI'S GONNA SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!
WHAT A CREEP!
EWWW!!
S-STOP THAT, YOU FOOLS! THERE'S MORE TO A MAN THAN HIS FACE! LIKE HIS CAREER!
BASSA
BASSA (FLAP)
WAY TO GO, INUZUKA-KUN!
"OH"
HA! AN UTTERLY PEDES-TRIAN TIME...
HUH!?

DA!! (DOOM!!)


I MIGHT HAVE BEEN KNOWN AS THE CROWN PRINCE OF GYMNASTICS, BUT I CAN KEEP UP WITH ANYONE IN TRACK AND FIELD, THE TRUE MEASURE OF SPORTING ABILITY...
SHU (WHSH)
SHU
EVERY TRUE SPORTS-MAN NAILS THE FIFTY-METER DASH!
FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS MANLY SPRINT!
GROSS!
GROSS!

UMM, THANKS ...
YOU WERE FAS-TER.
YOU WERE THE VERY PICTURE OF REGAL MASCULINITY!
EXCEL-LENT RUN, KOUSHI-DONO!
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YOUR CHALLENGE IS MET!
BI (POINT)
HUH!?
FU-MANYU CHUCKLE
DAMN YOU, INUZUKA AND YOUR LITTLE COUS-INNNN...
YOU HAVE FOOLISHLY CHOSEN TO CHALLENGE THE GREAT DAIGORO NITTA!
A TRUE SPORTS-MAN KNOWS HIS SIDE STEPS!
SHUTA
SHUTA (SHUP)
GROSS!!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
SHUTA
HE ALWAYS ACTS TOUGH AND TAKES IT OUT ON HIS STUDENTS...
IGNORE HIM.
WE'VE ANGERED THE TEACHER ...
...THIS SERVES HIM RIGHT...
LET'S SEE YOU REPLICATE THAT, INUZUKA'S COUSIN!
THE TRUE MEASURE OF SPORTSMANSHIP IS NOT RUNNING... BUT INSTANTANEOUS FORCE!
FU (MEH)
FU
FU
SO WHAT IF YOU CAN RUN A LITTLE FAST!?
HOW ABOUT THIS EXPLOSIVE POWER!

WUUHHH!?
BIKU (ORRIKO
IF YOU LOOK HARD...SHE'S MOVING AT SUPER-HIGH SPEED!
BULIN
BULIN (ZOOM)
THEY'RE AFTER-IMAGES!
HUH? NO! LOOK CLOSER!
SHE HAS A TWIN?
WHAT!?
... DOESN'T COUNT!
THAT ONE ...
SHU (ZAP)
YOU'RE WAY MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN THE TEACHER!
WOW, MOMOKO-CHAN! YOU'RE SOMETHING!
KOUSHI-KUN
KOUSHI-KUN

シュバ
SHUBA (SHMMF)
A TRUE SPORTSMAN EXCELS AT THE SHOTPUT!
EEEK! HIS SWEAT IS FLYING OVER HERE!
I'M AFRAID OF MY OWN SKILL!
HA-HA-HA! BETTER LOOK OUT; I NEARLY SET A NEW JAPANESE RECORD THERE!
17.03 METERS!
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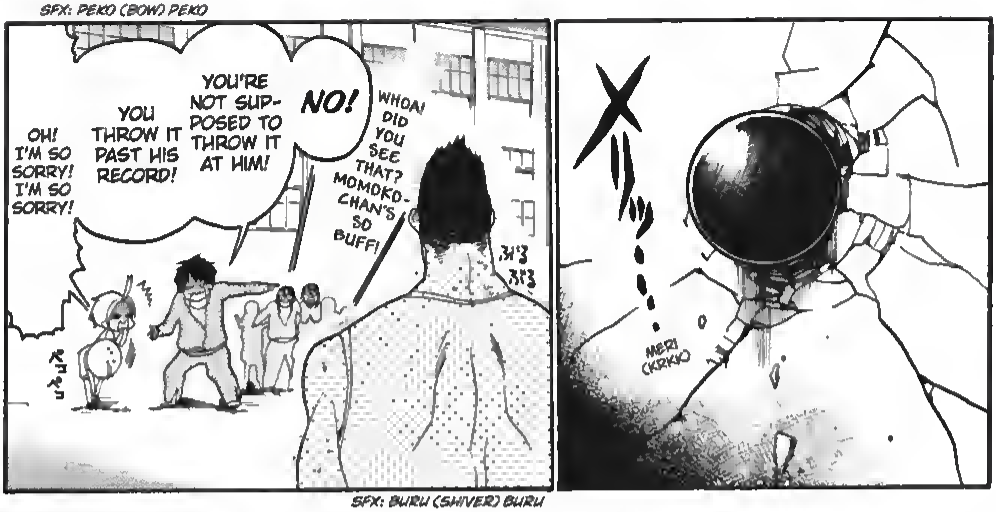
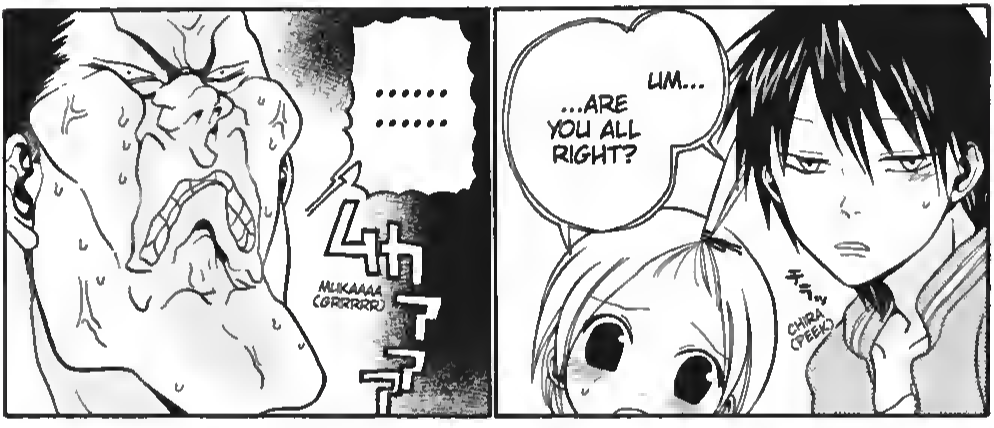
THE TRUE MEASURE OF ATHLETICISM ISN'T REFLEXES, IT'S MUSCLE!
THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF TRUE MEASURES.
SEE MY SPLENDID MUSCULATURE!
SFX: BUSHA (THWOMP)
OKAY, HERE GOES.
HA-HA-HA! IF YOU CAN!
I'M SUPPOSED TO THROW THIS?
LET'S JUST SEE YOU TRY TO THROW IT AS FAR AS SENSEI'S!
DO YOU ADMIT DEFEAT, INUZUKA'S COUSIN!?
PIKO
PIKO (JAB)

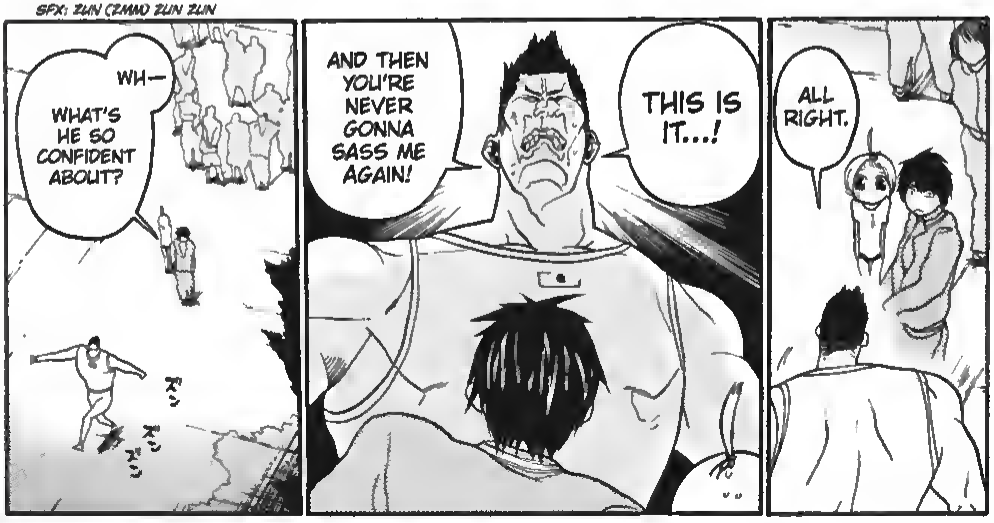
SHU (ZIP)
GYUWAAN (ZUHWAAD)
SFX. DOGOSHA (KRRRSH)
BIKI (KRIK)
BIKI


SFX: PEKO (BOW) PEKO
OH! I'M SO SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
YOU THROW IT PAST HIS RECORD!
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO THROW IT AT HIM!
NO!
WHOA! DID YOU SEE THAT? MOMOKO-CHAN'S SO BUFF!
MERI (KRRK)O

SFX: BURU (SHIVER) BURU

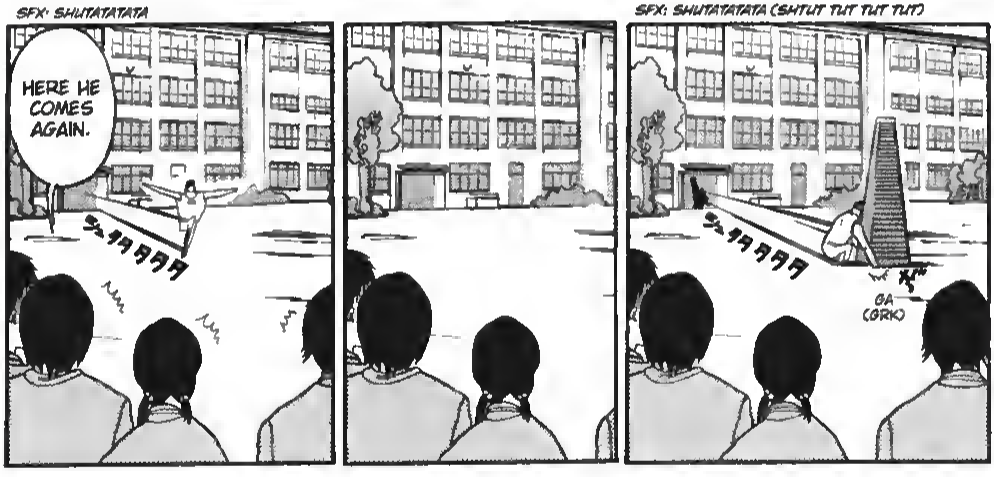


SFX: ZUN (ZMN) ZUN ZUN



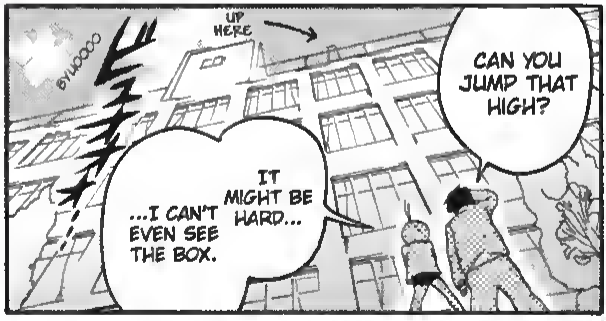
WHAT'S WITH THAT ENORMOUS VAULT!?
WHA...
THE TWENTY-THREE-STEP VAULT BOX IS A LEGENDARY RECORD SET BY YOURS TRULY (IN MY YOUNGER DAYS)...
HEH HEH HEH...
A SPORTSMAN'S TRUE WORTH IS IN THE VAULTING BOX!!
ZUUUUN CRAAA

.....
SURE THING.
SHE'S ALREADY JUMPING OVER THE TOP OF THE BOX.
WOW! I HAVEN'T SEEN A VAULTING BOX IN SO LONG!
PYONKO (BONK)
PYONKO
PYONKO

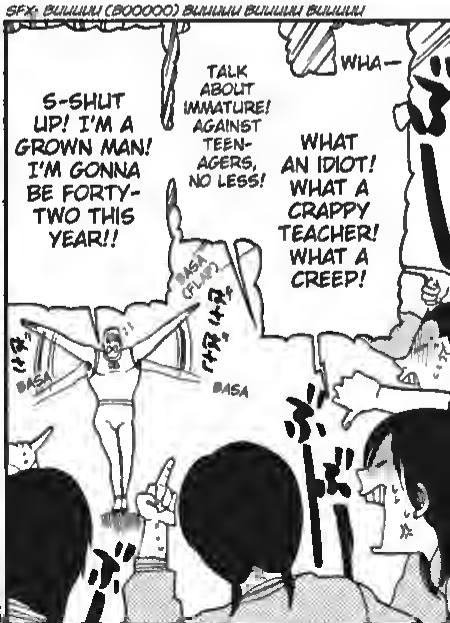

SFX: SHUTATATATA
HERE HE COMES AGAIN.
SFX: SHUTATATATA (SHTUT TUT TUT TUT)
GA (CRK)

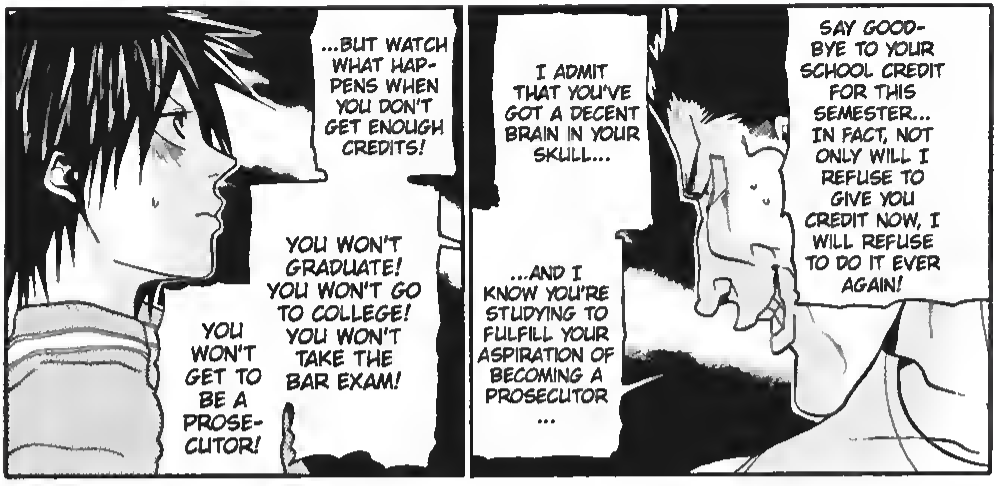
SFX: SU (MMF)
EH!?
HA-HA-HA... IT'S UP THERE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE VAULTING BOX, SENSEI?

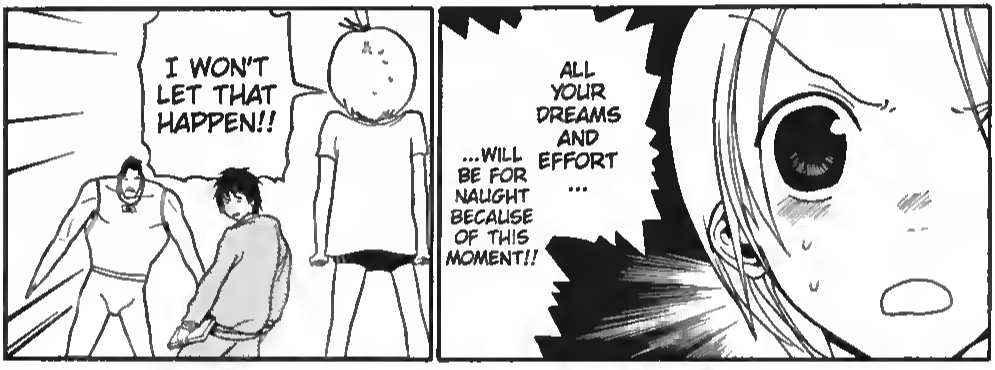
ON THE ROOF!?!
HA-HA-HA! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU JUMP ALL THE WAY UP TO THE ROOF!
BYUOOOOOO (WHOOOOOSH)

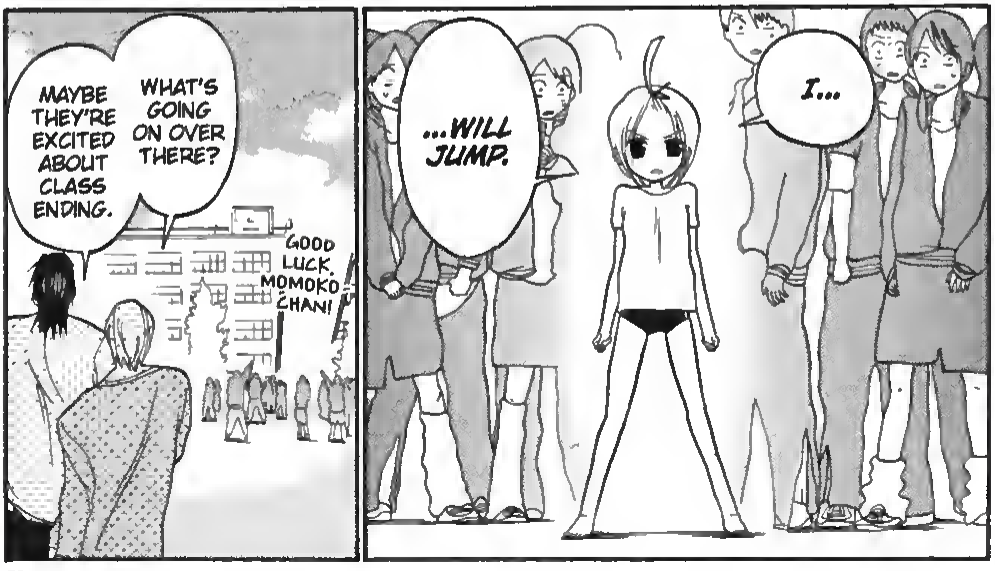

BYUOOOO
UP HERE
CAN YOU JUMP THAT HIGH?
IT MIGHT BE HARD...
...I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE BOX.

OF COURSE YOU CANNOT JUMP IT, INUZUKA'S COUSIN...
... BUT A DEAL'S A DEAL!


SFX: BUUUUU (BOOOOO) BUUUUU BUUUUU BUUUUU
WHA—
S-SHUT UP! I'M A GROWN MAN! I'M GONNA BE FORTY-TWO THIS YEAR!!
TALK ABOUT IMMATURE! AGAINST TEEN-AGERS, NO LESS!
WHAT AN IDIOT! WHAT A CRAPPY TEACHER! WHAT A CREEP!
BASA (FLAP)
BASA
BASA


...BUT WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH CREDITS!
YOU WON'T GRADUATE! YOU WON'T GO TO COLLEGE! YOU WON'T TAKE THE BAR EXAM!
YOU WON'T GET TO BE A PROSECUTOR!
I ADMIT THAT YOU'VE GOT A DECENT BRAIN IN YOUR SKULL...
...AND I KNOW YOU'RE STUDYING TO FULFILL YOUR ASPIRATION OF BECOMING A PROSECUTOR ...
SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR SCHOOL CREDIT FOR THIS SEMESTER... IN FACT, NOT ONLY WILL I REFUSE TO GIVE YOU CREDIT NOW, I WILL REFUSE TO DO IT EVER AGAIN!


I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN!!
...WILL BE FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE OF THIS MOMENT!!
ALL YOUR DREAMS AND EFFORT ...


MAYBE THEY'RE EXCITED ABOUT CLASS ENDING.
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
GOOD LUCK, MOMOKO-CHAN!
...WILL JUMP.
I...

OH!
THAT'S HER, SAIGO-SAN! THAT'S THE CHICK.
HUH? ARE YOU SAYING THAT SHE JUST LOOKS LIKE A TINY LITTLE GIRL?
YOU'D BE SURPRISED AT HOW STRONG SHE IS...I MEAN, NOT AS TOUGH AS YOU, OF COURSE!
WHAT'S SHE DOING ANY-WAY?
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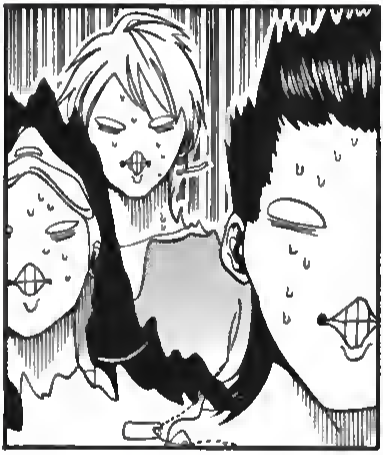
SFX: TA (TMP) TA TA TA TA
ALL RIGHT, INUZUKA AND HIS COUSIN! YOU'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH!
BAKI
バキ
BAKI (CRAK)
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO STEP UP AND GET BEAT DOWN BY SAIGO-SAN!!

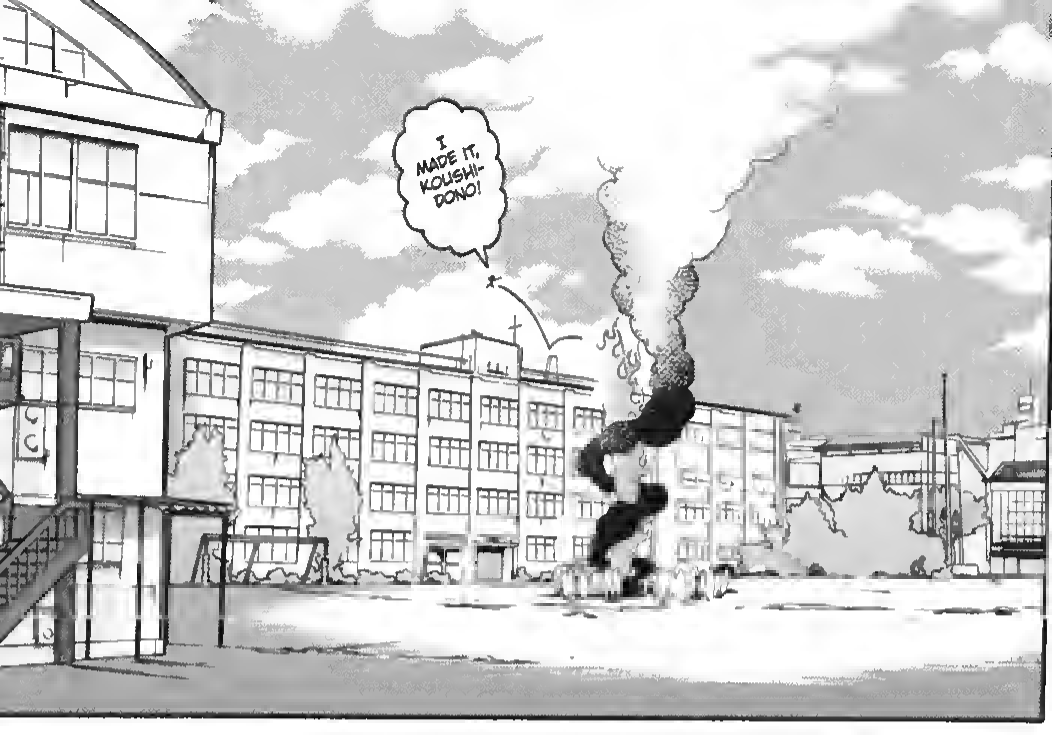


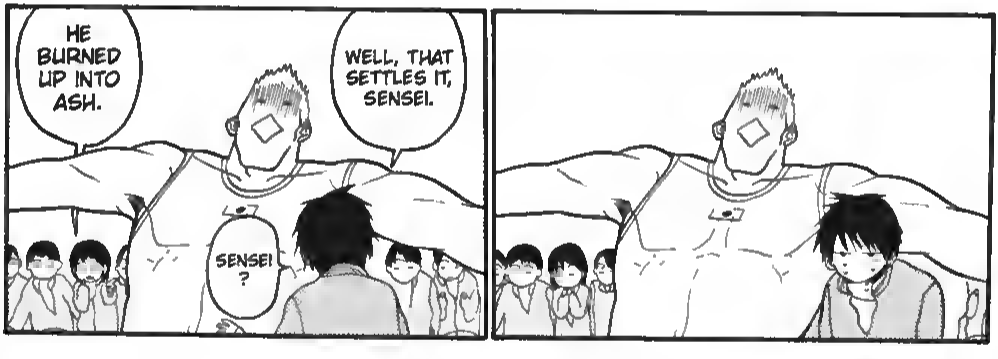
WOWW! LOOK HOW HIGH SHE'S GOING!
DOOO
.....
.....
OH!
GO GO GO!
I THINK SHE MIGHT MAKE IT!
W-WHAAAT!?

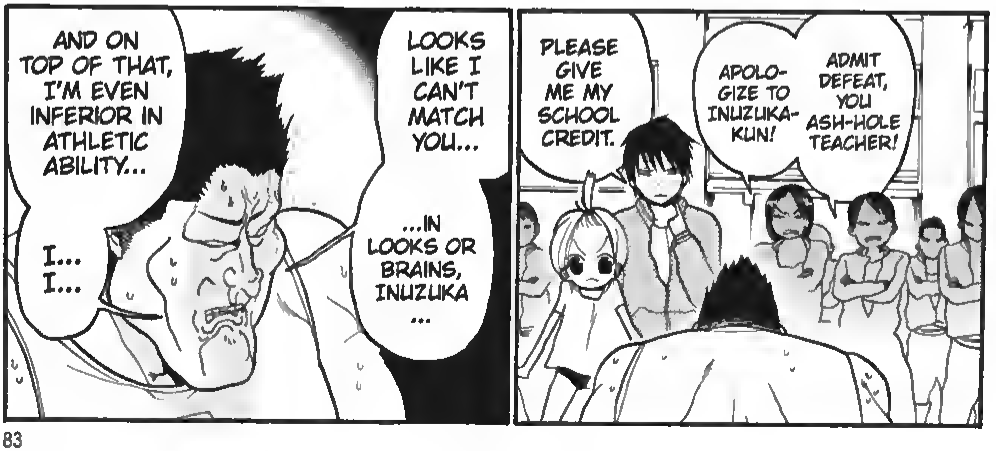
SFX: BAGYUN!! (BZOOOM)
DAN (CLMP)
ダン

FU.. (SWUFF)
WOW, SHE JUST KEEPS GOING UP AND UP!
ALMOST THERE!
GO, MOMOKO-CHAN, GO!
OH NO... SHE RAN OUT OF MOMENTUM!
LOOK OUT!
NO! I'M NOT GIVING UP YET!
NOOO! SHE'S FALL-ING!
HA-HA-HA! YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT! I GUESS YOU LOSE THEN!
SFX: BYUUUUUH (ZWOOOOSH)
HAIRA ICHIDEN MUSO-RYUU...
...SECRET ART!!!
THIS IS ALL FOR THE SAKE OF KOUSHI-DONO'S DREAMS! HAAAA-AAAH!

SFX: BABAN (ZKSHH)


I MADE IT, KOUSHI-DONO!


HE BURNED UP INTO ASH.
WELL, THAT SETTLES IT, SENSEI.
SENSEI?


AND ON TOP OF THAT, I'M EVEN INFERIOR IN ATHLETIC ABILITY...
I... I...
LOOKS LIKE I CAN'T MATCH YOU...
...IN LOOKS OR BRAINS, INUZUKA ...
PLEASE GIVE ME MY SCHOOL CREDIT.
APOLO-GIZE TO INUZUKA-KUN!
ADMIT DEFEAT, YOU ASH-HOLE TEACHER!

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GORON (ROLL)
BIKU (GERK)
...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO LIVE FOR, ANYMOOOO-OOOORE!!!
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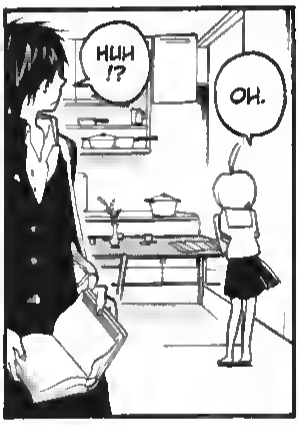
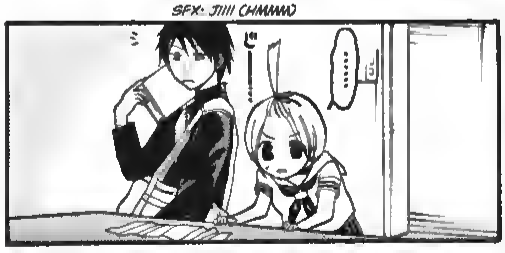
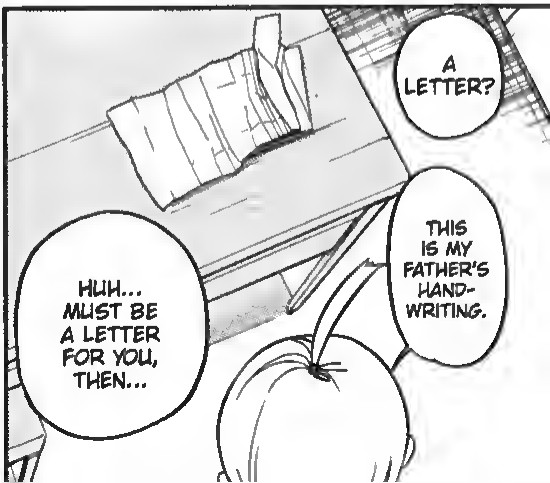
SFX: SHUUUUU (HISSSS)
AAAAAHH...
WHEW. TALK ABOUT TIRE-SOME.
I KNEW I WAS COOL WHEN I PLAYED SPORTS!
OHHHH, THANK YOU, INUZUKA'S COUSIN!
HA-HA! BACK TO NOR-MAL
SFX: GATA (SHIVER) GATA GATA
GOGOGOGO (GRRRR)
LOOK!
JUST LOOK AT SAIGO-SAN!
WHOA... HE AIN'T BOTHERED IN THE LEAST!!
SHUT UP! QUIT PANICKING, YOU IDIOTS!
SH—
DID YOU SEE THAT? WHAT WAS THAT!?
WE CAN'T POSSIBLY BEAT THAT FREAK OF NATURE...
HMM!?
GO, SAIGO-SAN! WHUP THOSE FOOLS!
THAT'S OUR SAIGO-SAN!
.....
.....
?
WHAT WAS THAT?
!!!!

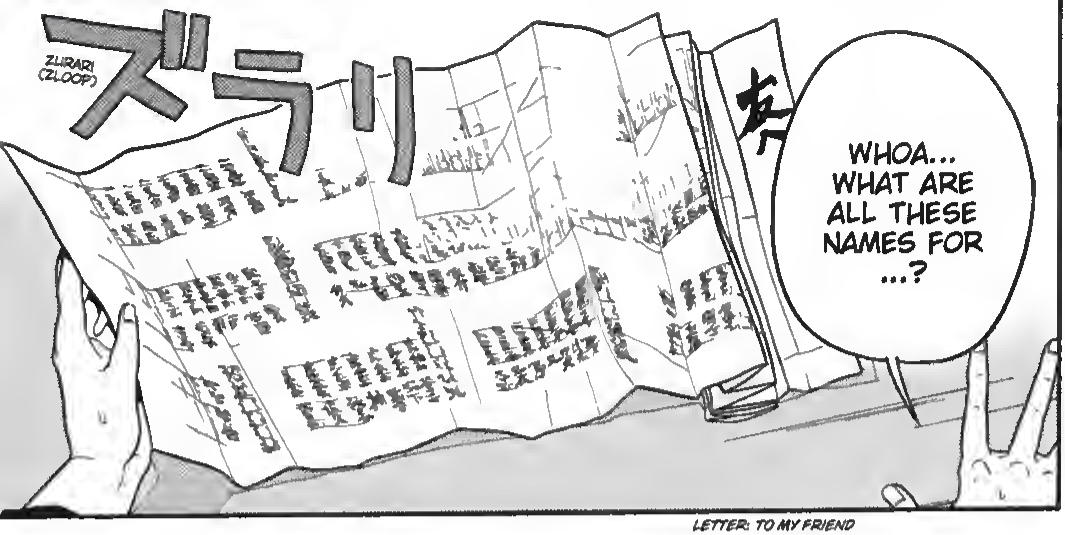
SFX: NYAAAAN (MEOWWW)



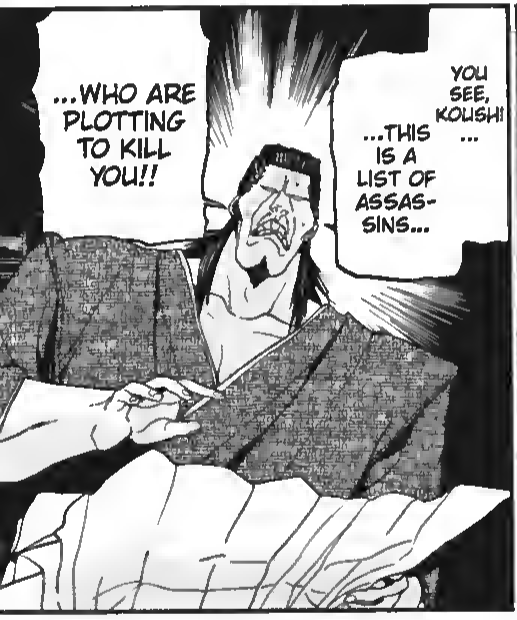
SFX: JIIII (HMMM)

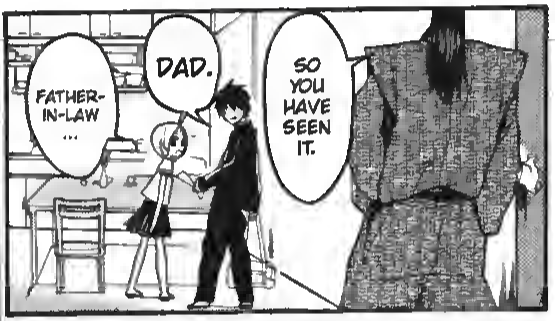






LETTER: TO MY FRIEND



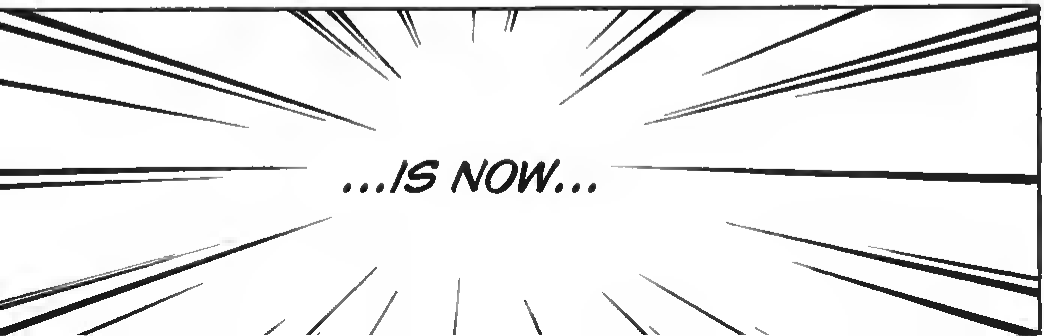


YOU MUST NOT LET THEM KILL YOU, KOUSHI...
...NO MATTER HOW GREAT AND FEARSOME THOSE ASSASSINS MIGHT BE!!
HEY.
A...
...A WAR!?
...TO BRING ABOUT A WAR...
...THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS' SEVENTH WAR FOR JAPAN!!!

CHAPTER 1: THE CLUELESS EXPLODING GIRL – END

KATSUYUKI SAIGO!!
GOGOGOGOGOGO (GRRRRMMM)
THE SUPREME EMPEROR OF THE UNDER-WORLD...

GOGOGOGO
THE STRONGEST MAN ALIVE ...
THE MAN WHO CRUSHED NE'ER-DO-WELLS FROM ALL OVER THE KANTO AREA IN THE 3/15 MASSACRE...

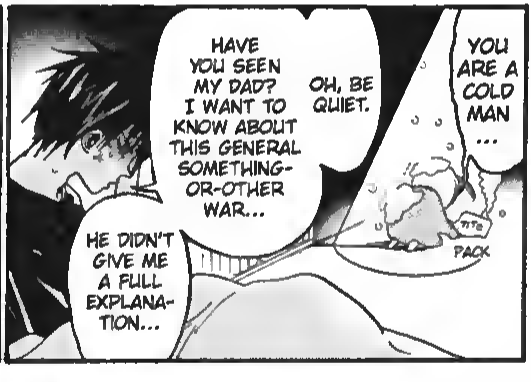

...IS NOW...

2. ENTER THE ASSASSIN

HOW TOUGH MIGHT KOUSHI INUZUKA BE?
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT!
HA-HA! THE LITTLE WEAKLING WOULDN'T TELL ME WHERE KOUSHI INUZUKA WAS. IT'S HIS FAULT!
SAIGO-SAAAAN!
SFX: NYAA (MEOW) NYAA
MY HEART AND BODY THREATEN TO FREEZE WITHOUT YOU...
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU SO LATE...BUT I'M TOO COLD TO SLEEP...
...AND WARM ME UP!!
PLEASE LEND ME YOUR ARMS, KOUSHI-DONO...
DOK!
DOK!
DOK!
DOK! (BADUM)

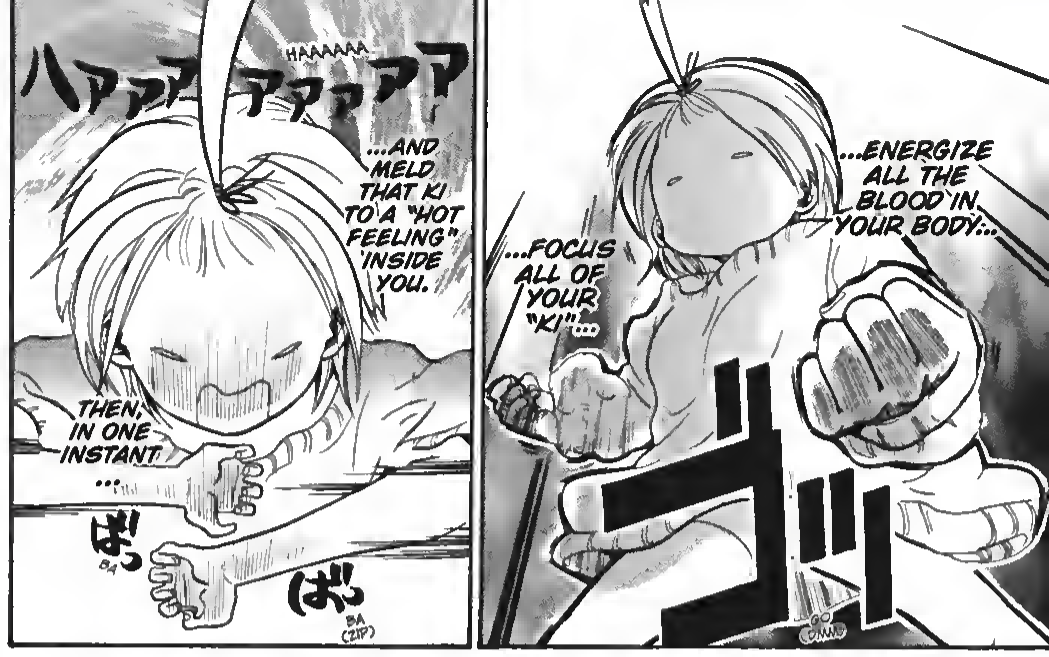
NO!?
ヒュウウウ
BYUUUUU (WHOOOOSH)
HMPH! I REFUSE.
PE (PLOP)
SUBSTITUTE
PACKAGE: HEATING PACK

ABOUT THAT, KOUSHI-DONO!
TAKE A HINT.
MY LIFE IS IN DANGER, YOU KNOW.


HAVE YOU SEEN MY DAD? I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THIS GENERAL SOMETHING-OR-OTHER WAR...
OH, BE QUIET.
YOU ARE A COLD MAN ...
HE DIDN'T GIVE ME A FULL EXPLANA-TION...
PACK

THE HEAVENLY GENERALS' WAR MUST HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO THIS.
APPARENTLY, WITHIN JAPAN THERE ARE TWELVE MARTIAL ARTS FAMILIES, INCLUDING INUZUKA AND KUZURYUU, ALL DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED TO ONE ANOTHER.
I HAVE HEARD OF SUCH A THING FROM MY FATHER...

WE MUST TRAIN AND PREPARE, KOUSHI-DONO!
SHU (FSH)
SHU
SHU
LEST THESE ASSASSINS CATCH US UNAWARES!
JUST WHAT I NEEDED.
GREAT, A WHOLE RACE OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE HER...
THESE AFORE-MENTIONED ASSASSINS...
...MUST BE MOST POWERFUL MARTIAL ARTISTS!
MOST POWERFUL MARTIAL ARTIST
KOUSHI-DONO!
DON'T BE CRAZY!
I'M A TOTALLY NORMAL PERSON.
I CAN'T DO THIS CRAZY COMBAT STUFF...
YES YOU CAN!
YOU ARE A RIGHTFUL DESCENDANT OF THE PROUD INUZUKA BLOODLINE!
ONCE YOU GET THE HANG OF IT...
...IT SHOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY TO LEARN YOUR LINE'S SECRET ARTS AND ATTACKS.
ERR, TO START OFF...
EVEN I, WEAK AS I AM, CAN HELP YOU!
GOHON (AHEM)
...IN ORDER TO PRODUCE AN ATTACK...
...YOU JUST...
SU (SHH)


HAAAAAA
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...AND MELD THAT KI TO A "HOT FEELING" INSIDE YOU.
THEN, IN ONE INSTANT...
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BA (ZIP)
...FOCUS ALL OF YOUR "KI"...
...ENERGIZE ALL THE BLOOD IN YOUR BODY...
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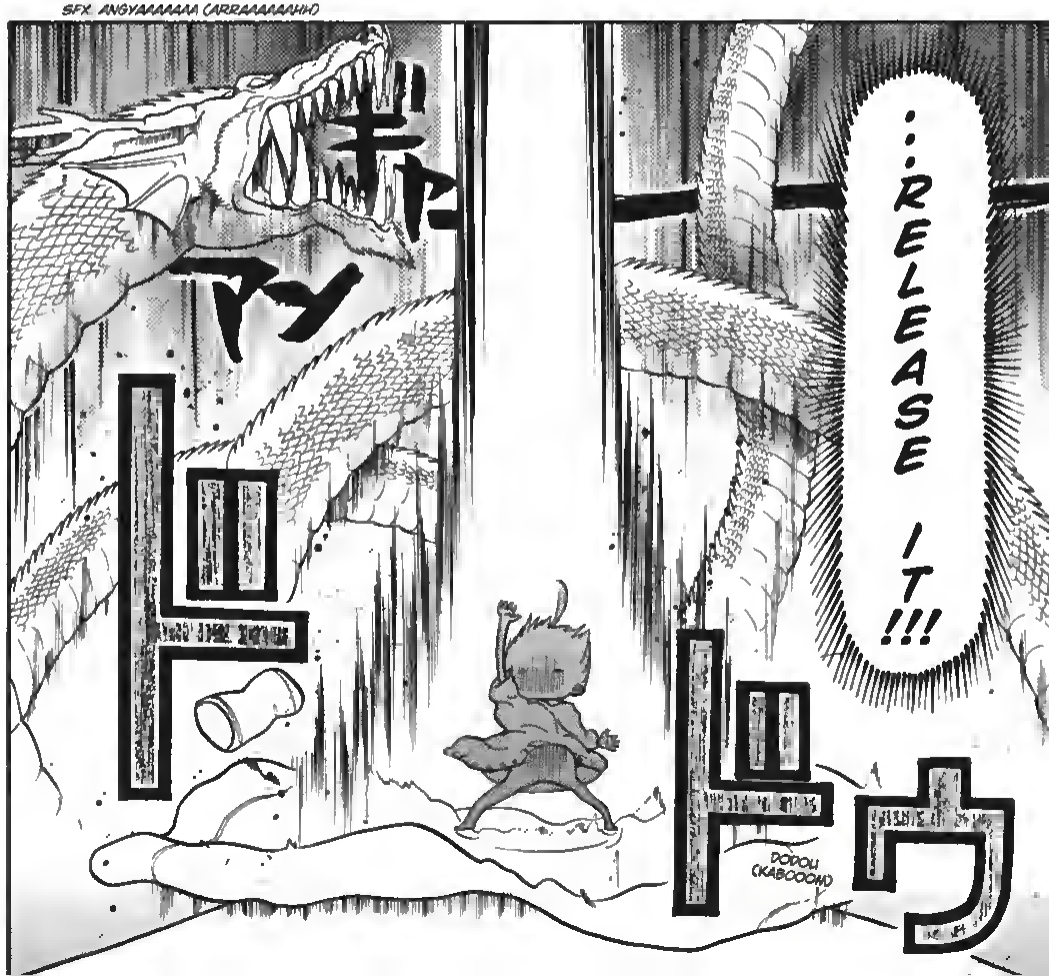
GO (MAN)


SFX: ANGYAAAAAA (ARRAAAAAAHH)
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...RELEASE IT!!!
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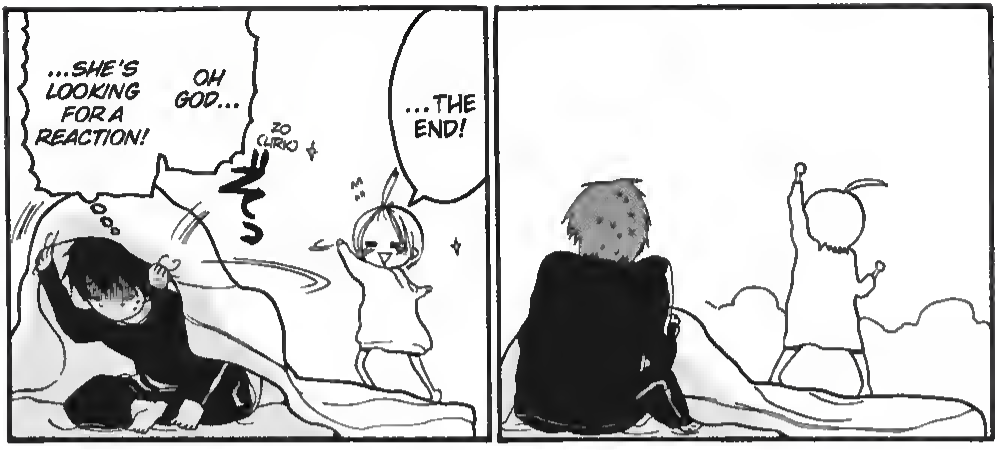
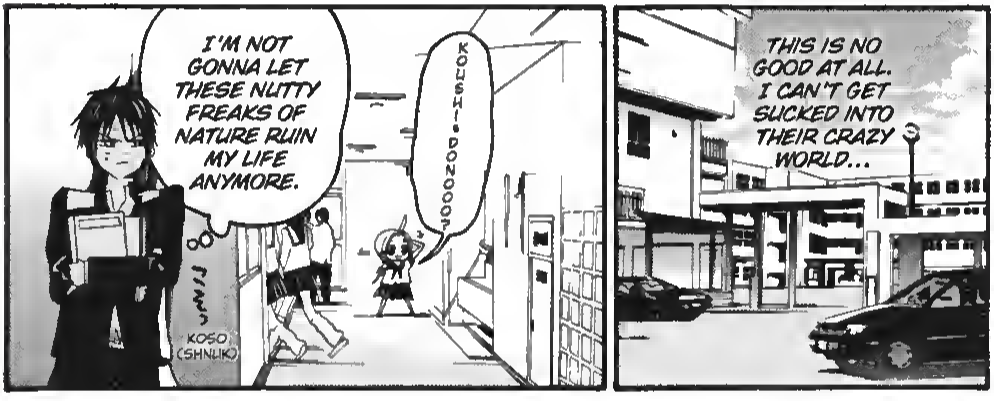
DOOOU (KABOOOM)


...SHE'S LOOKING FOR A REACTION!
OH GOD...
ZO (URIO
...THE END!


I'M NOT GONNA LET THESE NUTTY FREAKS OF NATURE RUIN MY LIFE ANYMORE.
KOUSHI-DOOOO?
KOSO (SHNJIKO
THIS IS NO GOOD AT ALL. I CAN'T GET SUCKED INTO THEIR CRAZY WORLD...

MAY I SIT NEXT TO YOU?
IF I WANT TO FOLLOW MY CAREER, I CAN'T HAVE MY STUDYING INTER-RUPTED.
I'M GOING INTO LAW.
I NEED TO STUDY.

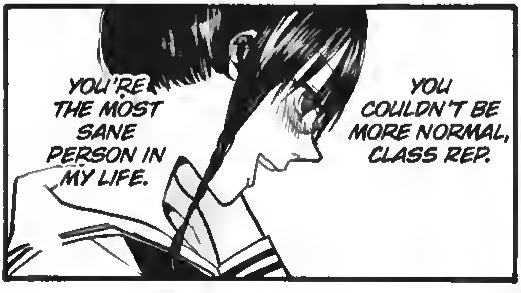
UM, YEAH...
YOU CAN SIT HERE...

CLASS REP...

THANKS...
I GUESS YOU WERE FIRST IN THE MIDTERM TEST SCORES AGAIN.
I'LL NEVER BEAT YOU.

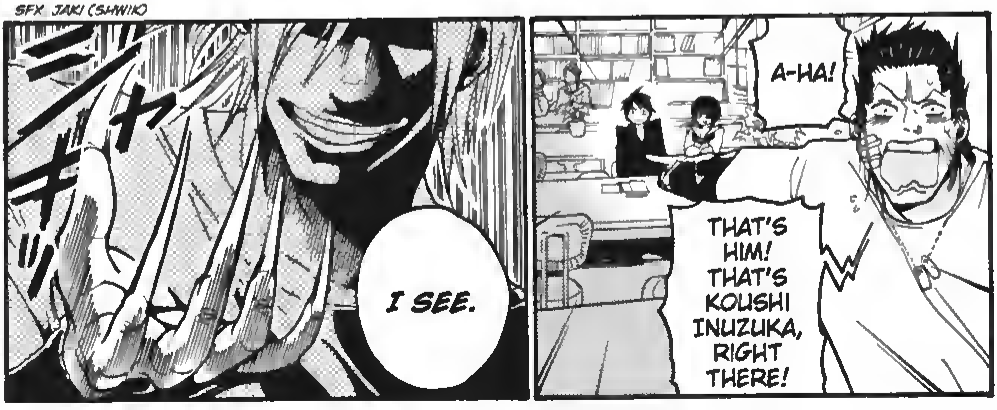
?
WHAT A NORMAL CONVERSATION.
SHE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT KILLER MOVES OR SECRET ARTS.
MOVED

YOU HAD A BETTER JAPANESE SCORE.
HA-HA, THANK YOU.
BUT MY SOCIAL STUDIES WAS TERRIBLE.


YOU'RE THE MOST SANE PERSON IN MY LIFE.
YOU COULDN'T BE MORE NORMAL, CLASS REP.

I THINK IT'S NORMAL, SMART GIRLS LIKE THIS THAT I'M REALLY SUITED FOR...
JUST BEING AROUND YOU SETS MY HEART AT EASE.

SFX: ZAWA (MURMUR) ZAWA ZAWA
...?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
H-
HE SHOULD BE IN HERE!
SFX: GAZA (SHWAM)

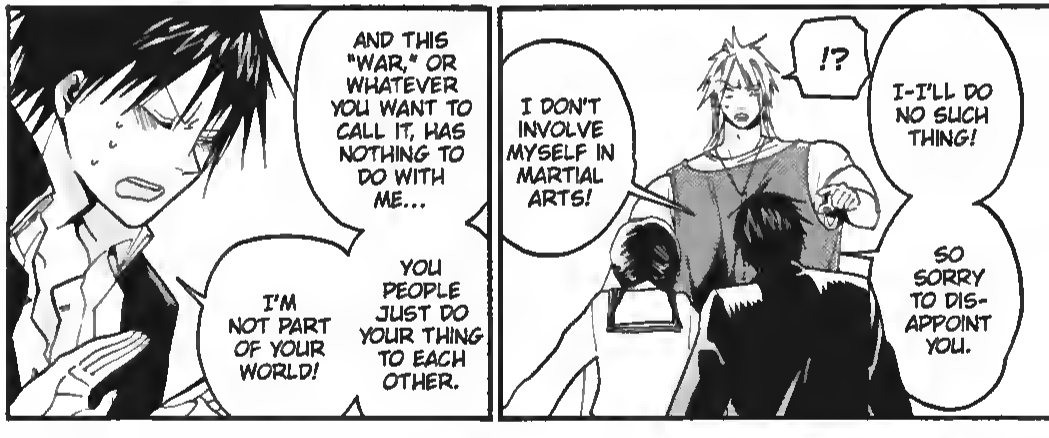

SFX: JAKI (SHH!K)
I SEE.
A-HA!
THAT'S HIM! THAT'S KOUSHI INUZUKA, RIGHT THERE!

ZAKU (SSSHKK
SFX: WAA WAA
EEYAAAAH!
SFX: WAA (AAAAH) WAA WAA

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THAT DESK, FIGHT BACK.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FOR A LONG TIME...
I WANT TO SEE HOW TOUGH KOUSHI INUZUKA REALLY IS.
ZAKKURI (SWUSHHK)

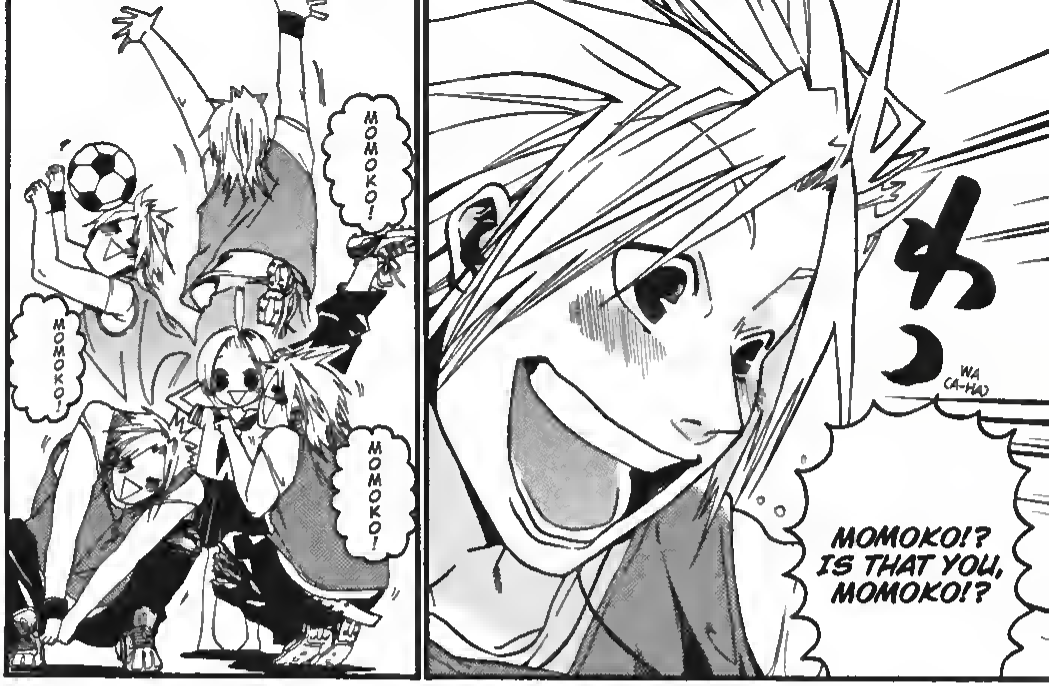
I'M TENKA KOGANEI, OF THE SHINDARA RETTETSU-RYUU!
AND I HAVE COME TO KILL YOU, KOUSHI INUZUKA!!
ASSASSIN - TENKA KOGANEI
SFX. WAAA
SFX. WAAAAKYA!
KYAAA (EEEK)
W-WHO IS THIS!?
UH-OH ...
KYAAA
AN ASSAS-SIN!
IS HE REALLY HERE TO KILL ME?
WAAAA KYAA KYAA
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU MUST NOT LET THEM KILL YOU, NO MATTER HOW GREAT AND TERRIBLE THOSE ASSASSINS MIGHT BE.
THIS MUST BE WHAT DAD WAS WARNING ME ABOUT...

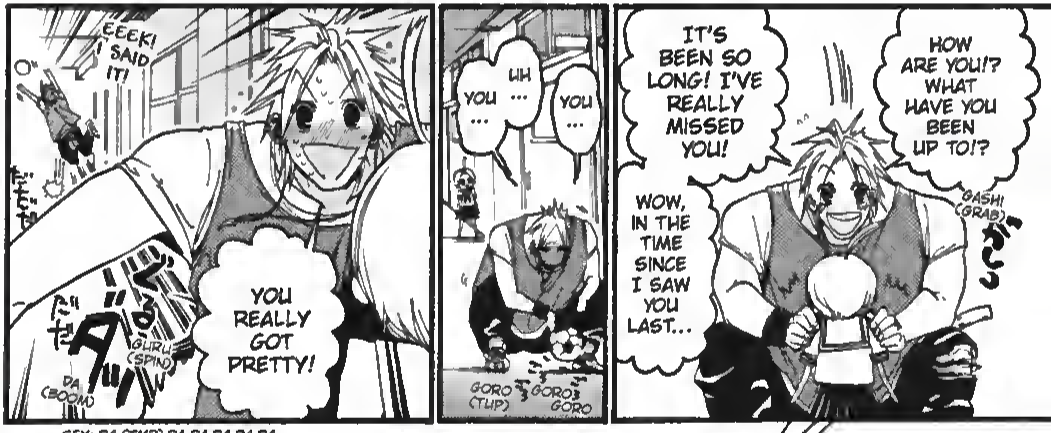
NO... STOP THIS VIO-LENCE!
THIS IS A LIBRARY!
BESIDES, OUR SCHOOL IS OFF-LIMITS TO NONSTUDENTS. WE'LL CALL THE POLICE!
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THIS CRAZY PERSON, INUZUKA-KUN!
RIGHT ON.
SFX: JIIN (MOVED)
MOVE, GIRL.
KOUSHI INUZUKA WILL BE FIGHTING WITH ME.


I-I'LL DO NO SUCH THING!
!?
I DON'T INVOLVE MYSELF IN MARTIAL ARTS!
SO SORRY TO DIS-APPOINT YOU.
AND THIS "WAR," OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME...
YOU PEOPLE JUST DO YOUR THING TO EACH OTHER.
I'M NOT PART OF YOUR WORLD!

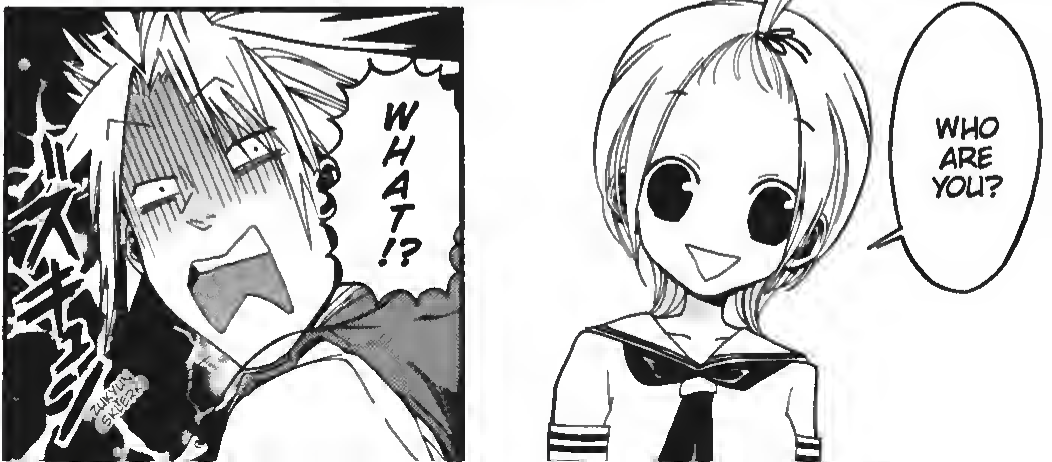
SFX. SHIIIIIN (SILENCE)
.....
MUSU (GRRR)

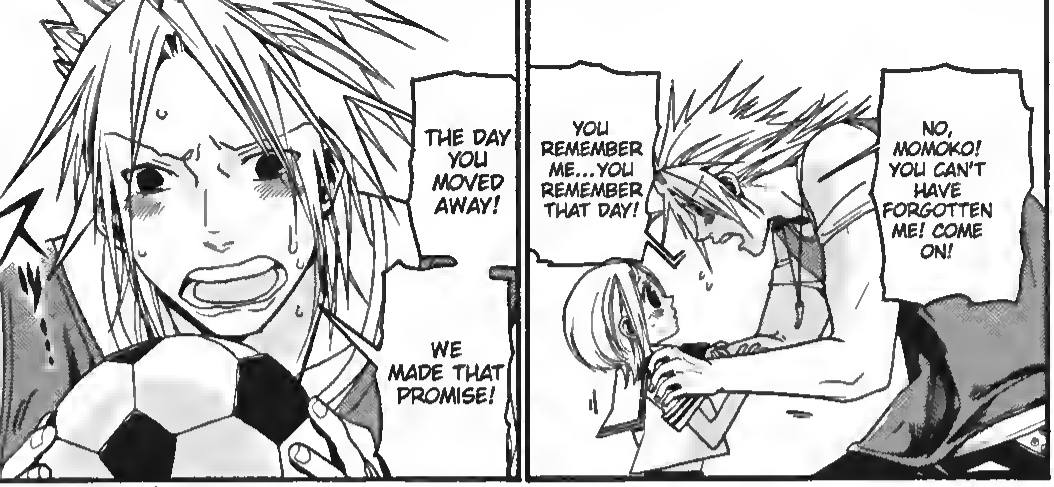
YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTH KILLING.
HOW CAN I BE PUMPED TO FIGHT A GUY WHO HIDES BEHIND A WOMAN?
THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I'M LEAVING!
TSK!
I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU!
ACK!
BITAN!! (WHAM)
GREAT. YOU DO THAT.
HO (WHEW)
OH GOOD. THE FREAK WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
SFX: TA (TMP) TA TA TA TA TA
KOUSHI-DONO?
GARA (SHINK)
HUH...!?
YOU'RE SO BIG, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A WALL!
OH!
I'M EVER SO SORRY!





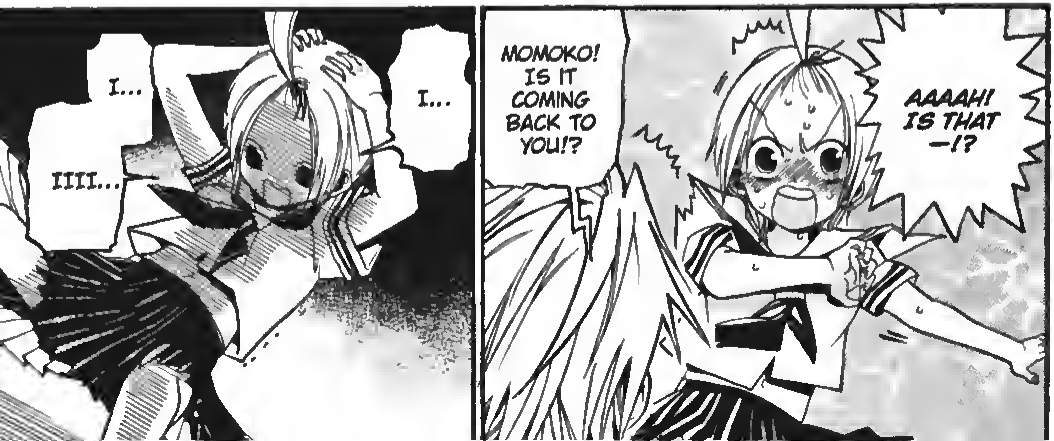
SFX: DA (TMP) DA DA DA DA DA




THE DAY YOU MOVED AWAY!
WE MADE THAT PROMISE!
YOU REMEMBER ME...YOU REMEMBER THAT DAY!
NO, MOMOKO! YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ME! COME ON!

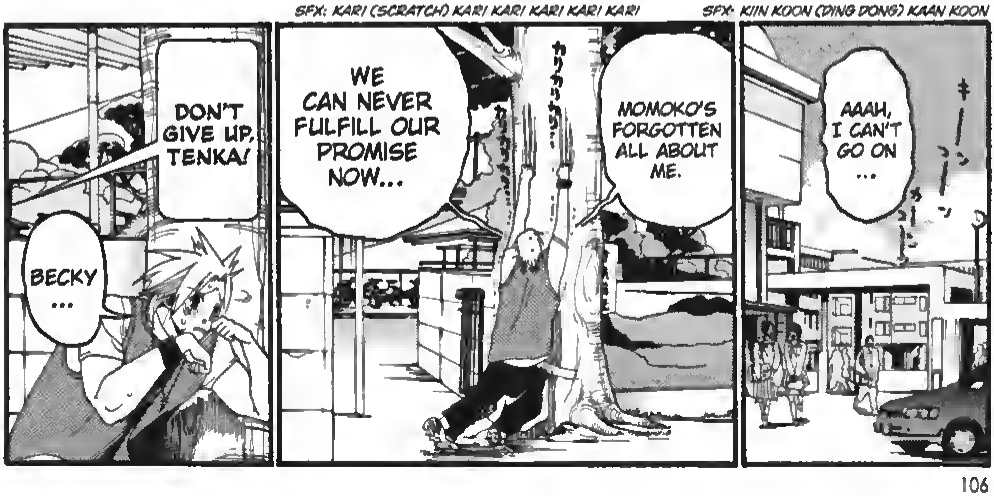
SFX: SU (SHH)

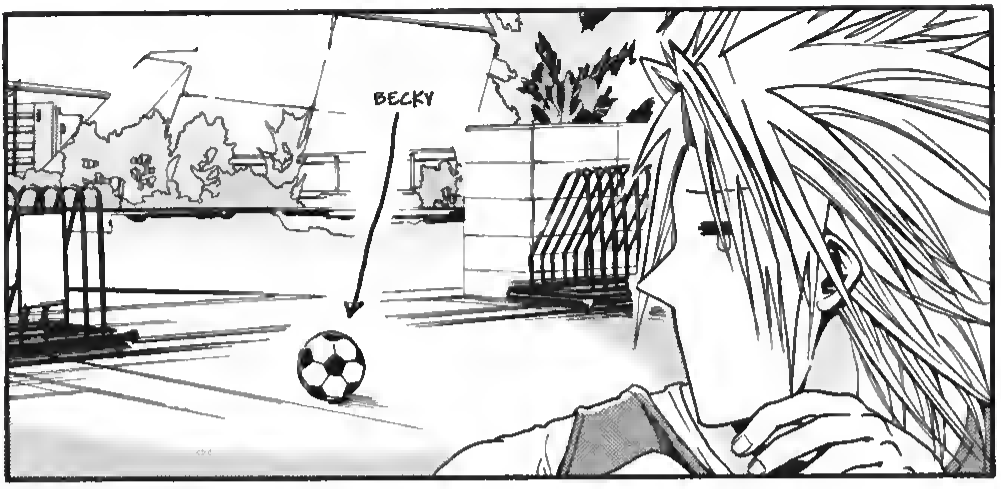
BALL: ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN, WE WILL BE M-
TENKA, MOMOKO

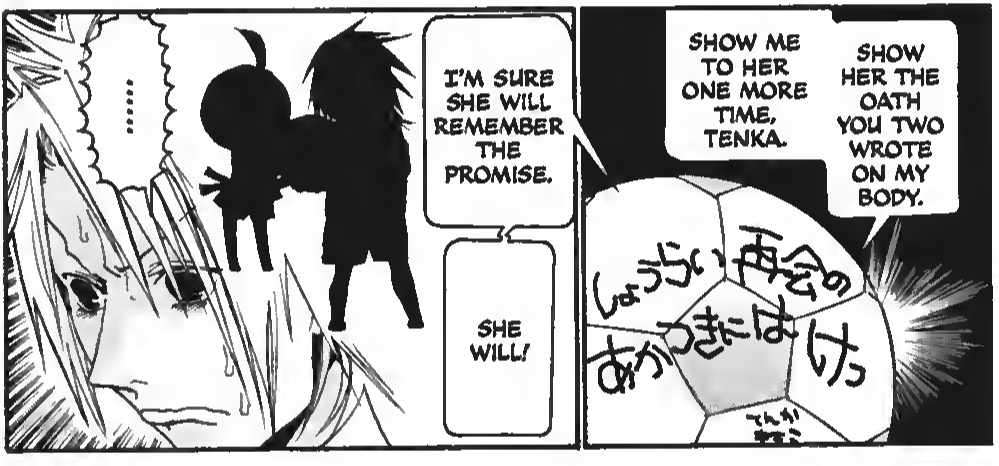


IDA (DROOP)
FUGYAAA (FWAAAH)
SHUTA (BOINK)
SHUTA
WAAAAAH!
BAKKYUN (BZONK)
...CAN'T REMEMBER.

"...BE M"? WHAT WAS THE "M" FOR?
FUGYAAA
NO, NOT IN THE LEAST.
YOU KNOW THAT GUY?


SFX: KARI (SCRATCH) KARI KARI KARI KARI KARI
SFX: KIIN KOON (DING DONG) KAAN KOON
DON'T GIVE UP, TENKA!
BECKY ...
WE CAN NEVER FULFILL OUR PROMISE NOW...
MOMOKO'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME.
AAAH, I CAN'T GO ON ...


BECKY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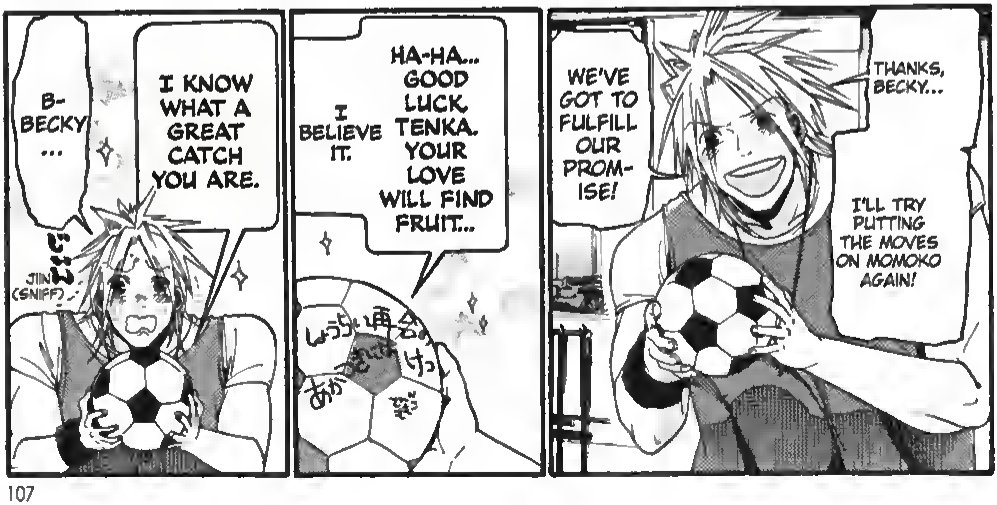
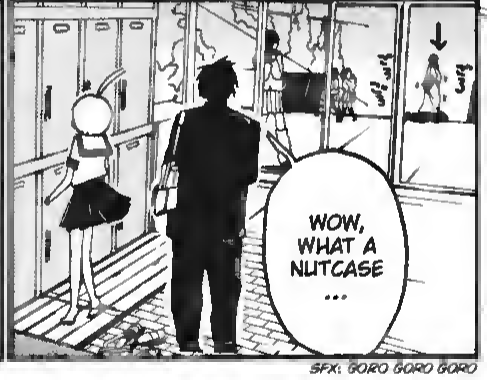
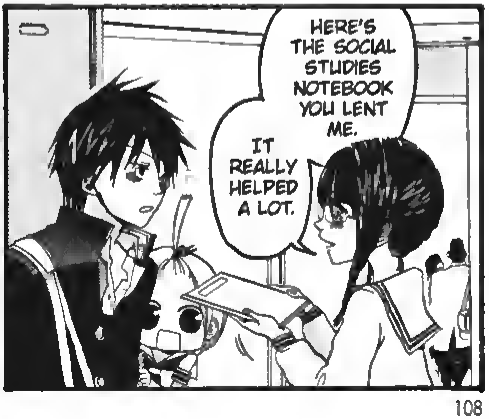
I'M SURE SHE WILL REMEMBER THE PROMISE.
SHE WILL!
SHOW ME TO HER ONE MORE TIME, TENKA.
SHOW HER THE OATH YOU TWO WROTE ON MY BODY.


B-BECKY ...
I KNOW WHAT A GREAT CATCH YOU ARE.
JIN (SNIFF)
I BELIEVE IT.
HA-HA... GOOD LUCK, TENKA. YOUR LOVE WILL FIND FRUIT...
WE'VE GOT TO FULFILL OUR PROMISE!
THANKS, BECKY...
I'LL TRY PUTTING THE MOVES ON MOMOKO AGAIN!

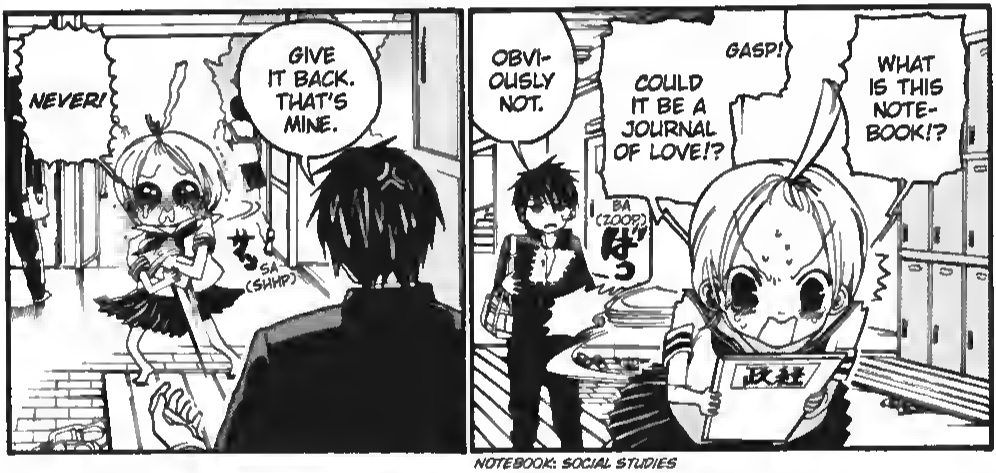
SFX: TA (TMP) TA TA TA TA

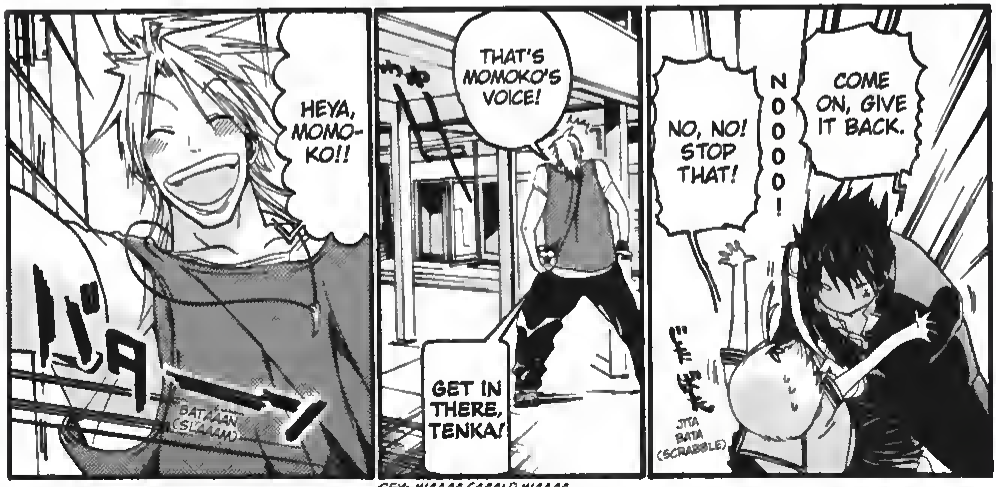


SFX: GORO GORO GORO



WELL, AREN'T YOU FRIENDLY.


NEVER!
GIVE IT BACK. THAT'S MINE.
SA (SHMP)
OBVI-OUSLY NOT.
GASP!
COULD IT BE A JOURNAL OF LOVE!?
WHAT IS THIS NOTE-BOOK!?
BA (ZOOP)
NOTEBOOK: SOCIAL STUDIES

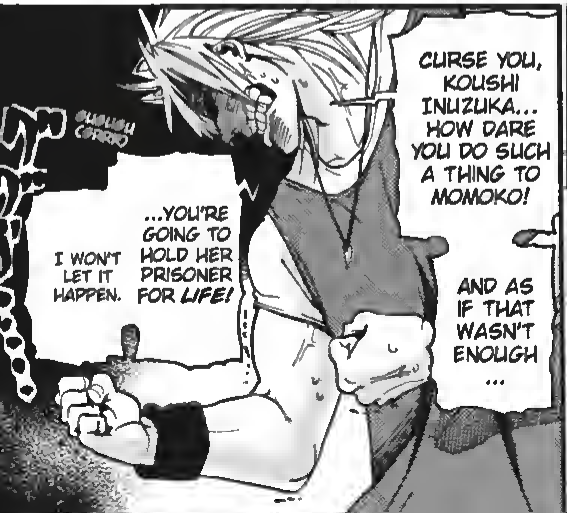

HEYA, MOMO-KO!!
BATAAAN (SLAAAM)
THAT'S MOMOKO'S VOICE!
GET IN THERE, TENKA!
NO, NO! STOP THAT!
NOOOO!
COME ON, GIVE IT BACK.
JITA BATA (SCRABBLE)
SFX: WAAAA CAAAH) WAAAA

ギャース
(GYAAASU)
(GACK)
WHA—!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO HER!?
SFX: BIKU (ACK)
フーッ
FUUUUU
(HISSSS)
GET AWAY FROM MOMOKO, YOU HOODLUM!
WHAT!?
CRAP. HE'S REALLY PISSED OFF ABOUT SOMETHING.
WHOA! YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
PA
(SWIP)
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG IN THE LEAST.
RIGHT!?
HUH!?
UH, RIGHT! KOUSHI-DONO HAS DONE NOTHING WRONG!
*BIKU
(CHEEP)
KI
(CRR)
ALL FAULT LIES WITH ME!
I BELONG TO HIM ALREADY, IN BODY AND MIND...
I CANNOT COMPLAIN ABOUT ANY PUNISHMENT I SHOULD RECEIVE!
...YET I DID NOT HEED HIS COMMAND.

SFX: BIRI (RIP) BIRI BIRI

リンゴーン
RIN GONN (DING DONG)
...WE ARE LIVING TOGETHER, WITH THE INTENT TO BE MARRIED.
サクッ
SAKU (STAB)

MARRIED.
TOGETHER.
MARRIED
TOGETHER.


CURSE YOU, KOUSHI INUZUKA... HOW DARE YOU DO SUCH A THING TO MOMOKO!
AND AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH ...
...YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD HER PRISONER FOR LIFE!
I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN.

WHAT THE—!?
YOU SAID TO BE CLEAR AND NOT MISLEADING!

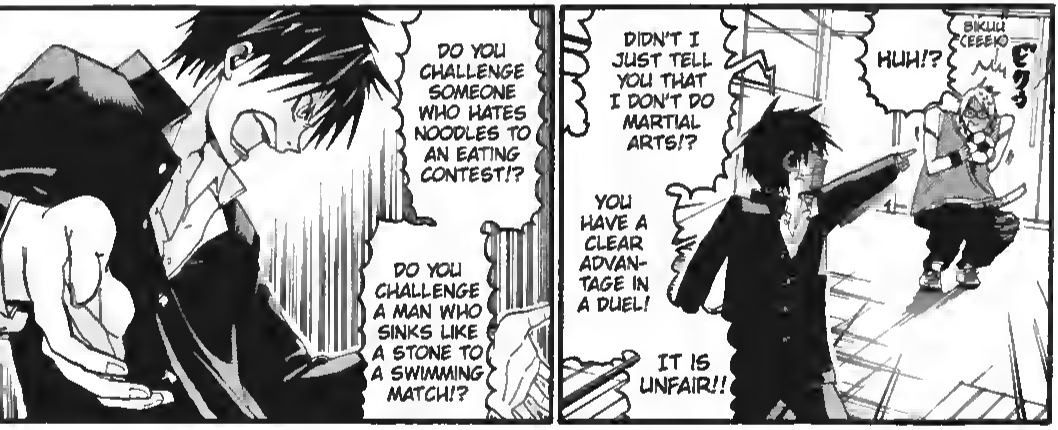
...WITH MOMOKO AS THE PRIZE!!!
MOMOKO DOES NOT DESERVE...
...TO GO TO A FILTHY DOG LIKE YOU! I DEMAND A DUEL...
SFX: GOOOOOOO (WHOOOOOSH)

HE REALLY MEANS TO DO ME HARM!
HOLY CRAP, HE'S GONE OFF THE DEEP END.

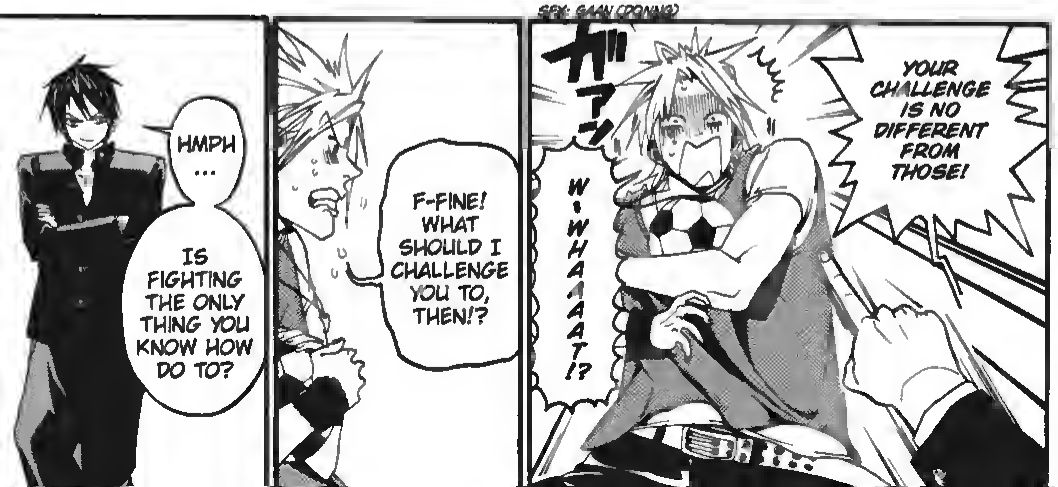
IN MARTIAL ARTS...
...HE MIGHT HAVE THE ADVANTAGE, BUT...
BUT I'LL BE SLAUGHTERED IN A FIGHT.
HE'S GOT A CLEAR ADVANTAGE.
HE'S HUGE!
WHAT NOW? I DON'T THINK HE'LL LET ME GO UNINJURED.

YOU COWARD!
KUWA (ARGH)
COME ON, SHOW ME WHAT YOU GOT!
IF YOU WON'T ATTACK ME, I'LL COME AFTER YOU!
...IF I CAN PRESSURE HIM...
GIRARI (SHLING)

SFX: ZA (ZSH)


DO YOU CHALLENGE SOMEONE WHO HATES NOODLES TO AN EATING CONTEST!?
DO YOU CHALLENGE A MAN WHO SINKS LIKE A STONE TO A SWIMMING MATCH!?
DIDN'T I JUST TELL YOU THAT I DON'T DO MARTIAL ARTS!?
YOU HAVE A CLEAR ADVANTAGE IN A DUEL!
IT IS UNFAIR!!
HUH!?
BIKU!! (EEEK)

SFX: GAAN (CRONK)


HMPH...
IS FIGHTING THE ONLY THING YOU KNOW HOW DO TO?
F-FINE! WHAT SHOULD I CHALLENGE YOU TO, THEN!?
GAAN
W-WHAAAAT!?
YOUR CHALLENGE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE!

!!
IS THAT THING YOU'VE BEEN CLINGING TO ALL THIS TIME JUST FOR SHOW!?
HA (GASP)
GU (GRR)
OF COURSE! I HAVE THIS!

BI (JAB)
IT SURE AIN'T!
NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO BEST ME AT THIS!
HOW FUNNY!
BECAUSE I'VE NEVER LOST AT IT EITHER...

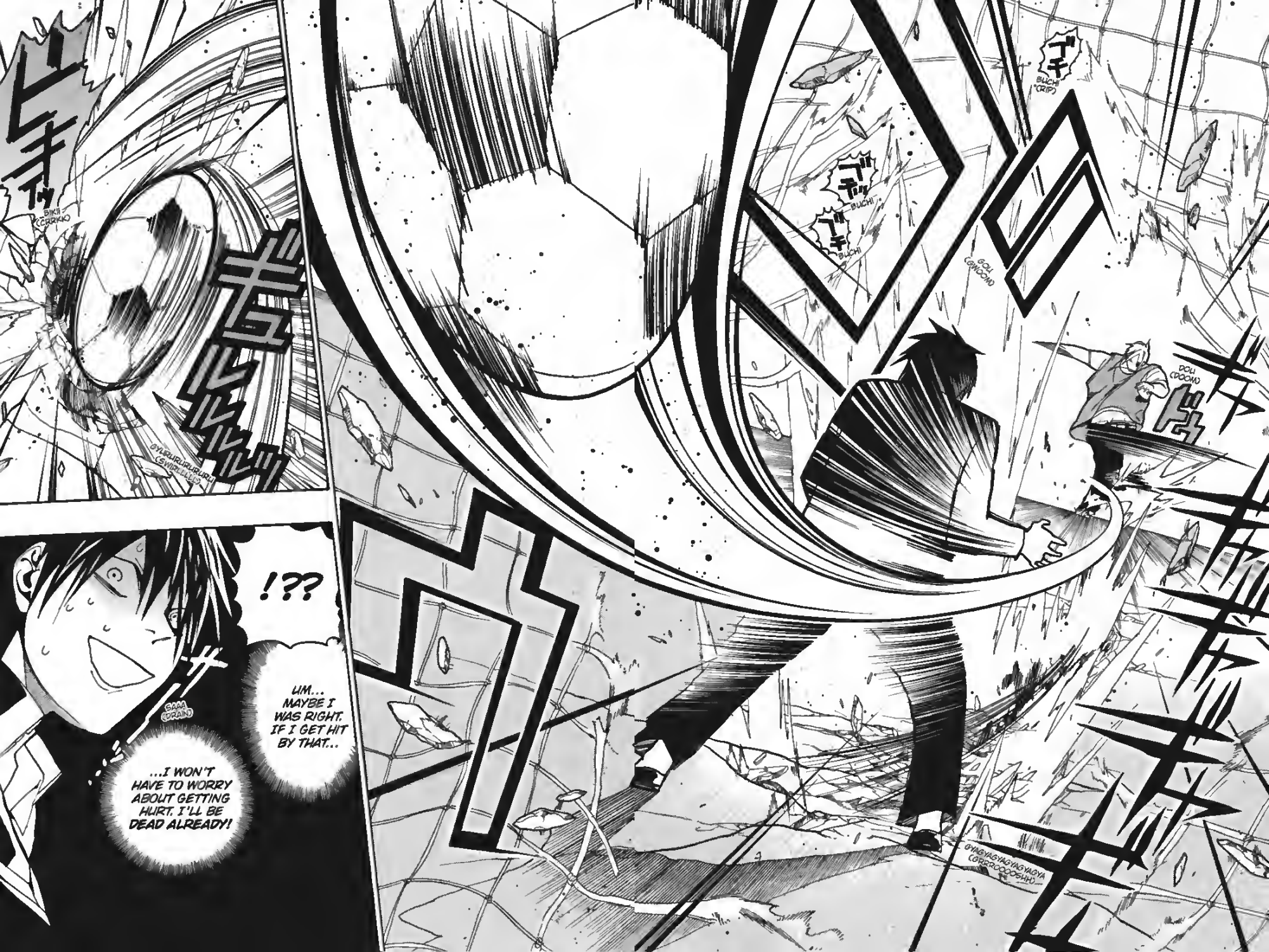
IN THAT CASE...

A SOCCER SHOOTOUT, FAIR AND SQUARE!!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
ZAWA
DOOON!! (BOOOM)
ZAWA
ZAWA
NIYA (SMIRK)
WHAT ABOUT ME!?
WHAT ABOUT ME, MOMOKO!?
I WILL ROOT FOR YOU TO THE UTMOST OF MY ABILITY!
WOOOO (RAAWHD
KOUSHI-DONO... YOU ARE UNDERTAKING A SOCCER MATCH, ALL FOR ME!

...AND IN A SOCCER MATCH, THERE'S NO WORRY ABOUT GETTING HURT...
THIS IS PERFECT! IF I LOSE ON PURPOSE, I'LL GET RID OF MY HEADACHE...
HEADACHE
NIYA (SMIRK)

YOU CAN EVEN GO FIRST.
IT'S A PENALTY KICK SHOOT-OUT. FIRST TO THREE GOALS WINS.
FINE!

YOU'RE ON!!
ZA (ZSHHD)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BIKII (CRRIKK)
ギュルルルル
GYURURURURURU (SWIRLING)
ゴチ
BUCHI (CRIP)
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BUCHI
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BUCHI
GOU (GWOOM)
ドゴ
DOU (DOOM)
!??
SAAA (DRAIN)
UM... MAYBE I WAS RIGHT. IF I GET HIT BY THAT...
...I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING HURT. I'LL BE DEAD ALREADY!
GYAGYAGYAGYAGYAGYA (CRRROOOSHH)

SFX: BIKU (GERK)
...AND SLIT HIS BELLY!!
WHOEVER LOSES HAS TO BE A MAN...
WHY WOULDN'T IT BE? IT'S A FIGHT BETWEEN MEN OVER THE WOMAN THEY LOVE.
GIRA (SHLING)

CHAPTER 2, ENTER THE ASSASSIN – END

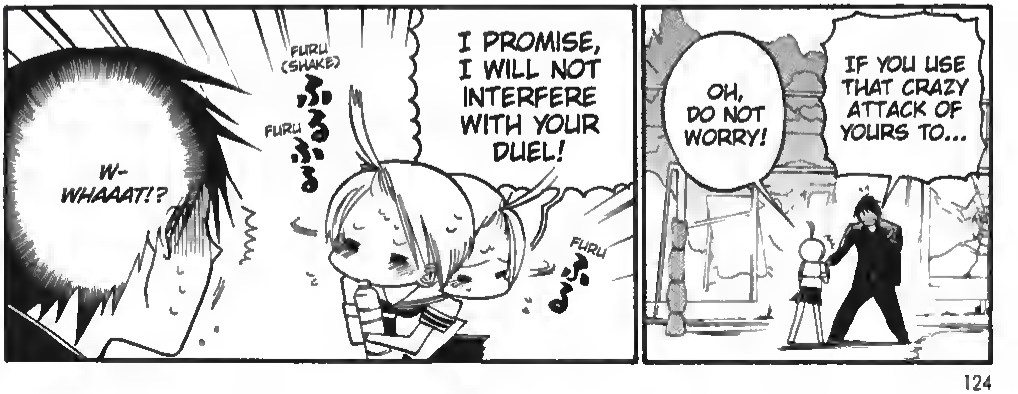
I WILL WIN!
FOR THE SAKE OF MY CLAN!
しょうぶ、再会のあかつきには
ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN, WE WILL BE M—
AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE PROMISE I MADE WITH MOMOKO!
BAN!! (SLAM!!)
RAAAH! TAKE THIS, KOUSHI INUZUKAAA!!
GUWA!! (GWOOM)
WHAT DOES THE "M" MEAN!?

3. A BATTLE FOR PRIDE
BUCHI (RIP)
BUCHI
BUCHI
DOU (DMMD)
DOU (WOOOO)
!!?

THE LOSER OF THIS MATCH...
.....!!
SHUUUU (FSHHH)
GYAAAA
GUSAAA (ZSHHH)
GYAAAA
DOKAAAN (KABOOOM)
...TO COMMIT HARA-KIRI!
...WILL BE FORCED ...
AT THIS RATE...
I WAS A FOOL TO THINK SOCCER WAS SAFE!
SFX: ZOOO (HRRRR)
...WHEN I COULD REALLY USE HER HELP ...
JUST BUST OUT ONE OF YOUR SIGNATURE MOVES...
IT'S TIMES LIKE THESE...
I DON'T WANT THIS...
KYAA
KYAA

I-I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BECOME SWEATY DURING YOUR MATCH.
PLEASE, FEEL FREE TO USE THIS!
ビク
BIKU (TWITCH)
DON'T CRY, TENKA!
DAMMIT, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!
AND FOR REHYDRATION ...
I NEED A TOWEL ...
M-ME TOO, MOMOKO! OVER HERE!
POKAN (PUHH)
ぽかん
.....!!

SFX: SA (HUP)


W-WHAAAT!?
FURU (SHAKE)
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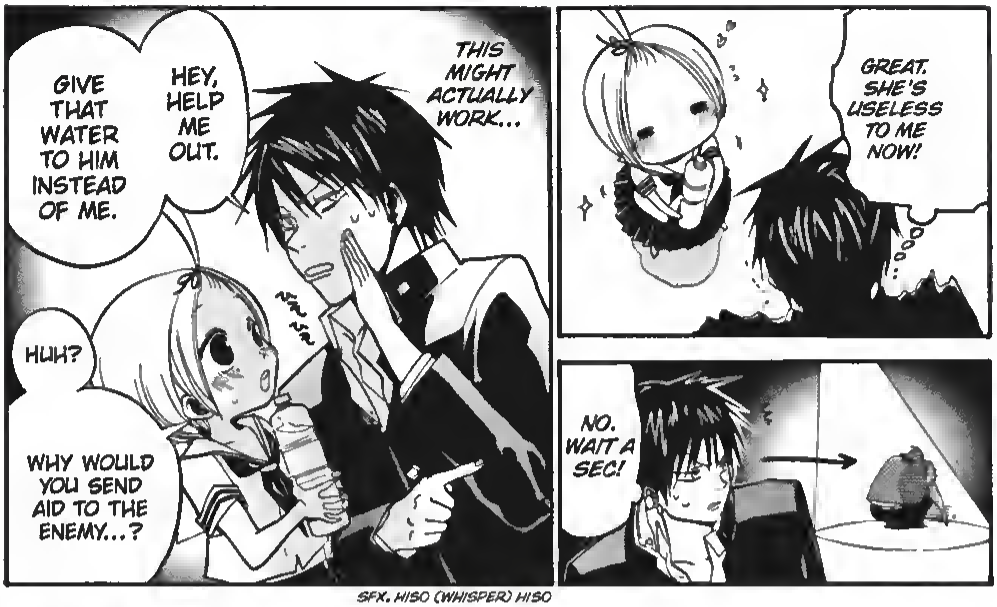
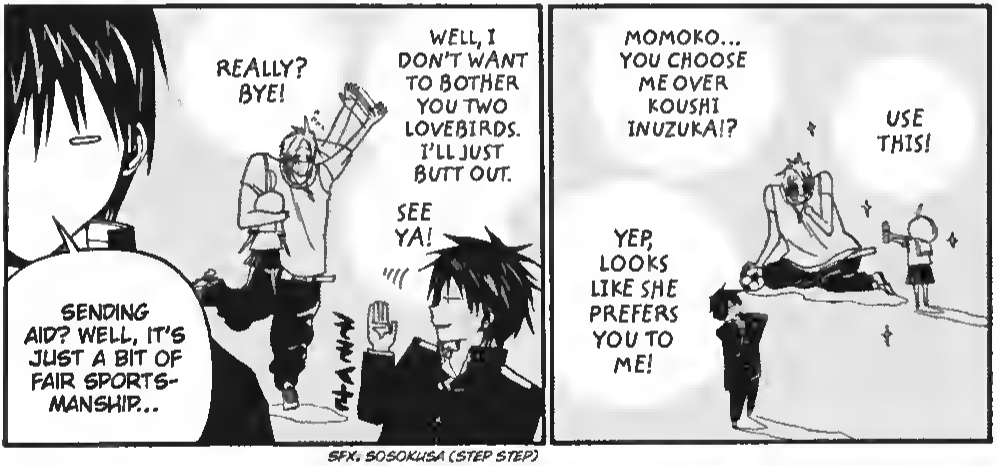
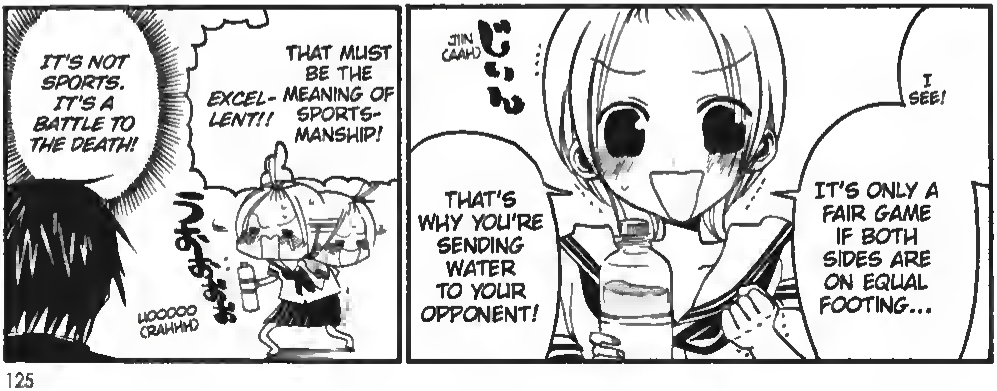
FURU
I PROMISE, I WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH YOUR DUEL!
FURU
ふる
OH, DO NOT WORRY!
IF YOU USE THAT CRAZY ATTACK OF YOURS TO...

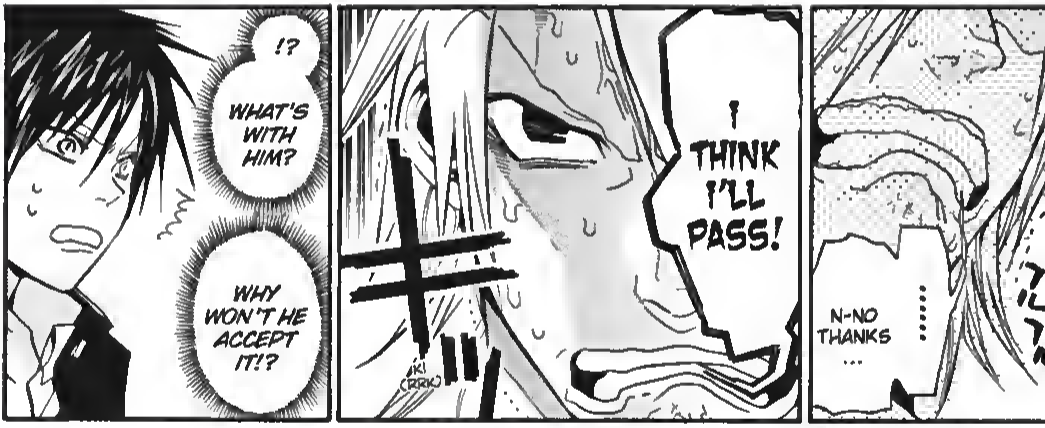

GIVE THAT WATER TO HIM INSTEAD OF ME.
HEY, HELP ME OUT.
THIS MIGHT ACTUALLY WORK...
HUH?
WHY WOULD YOU SEND AID TO THE ENEMY...?
GREAT. SHE'S USELESS TO ME NOW!
NO. WAIT A SEC!

SFX. HISO (WHISPER) HISO

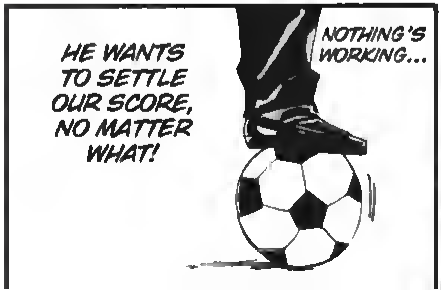

REALLY? BYE!
WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU TWO LOVEBIRDS. I'LL JUST BUTT OUT.
SEE YA!
SENDING AID? WELL, IT'S JUST A BIT OF FAIR SPORTS-MANSHIP...
MOMOKO... YOU CHOOSE ME OVER KOUSHI INUZUKA!?
USE THIS!
YEP, LOOKS LIKE SHE PREFERS YOU TO ME!

SFX. SOSOKUSA (STEP STEP)


IT'S NOT SPORTS. IT'S A BATTLE TO THE DEATH!!
EXCEL-LENT!!
THAT MUST BE THE MEANING OF SPORTS-MANSHIP!
HOOOOO CRAHHHD
JIIN (AAH)
I SEE!
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SENDING WATER TO YOUR OPPONENT!
IT'S ONLY A FAIR GAME IF BOTH SIDES ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING...



SFX: BURU (SHIVER) BURU



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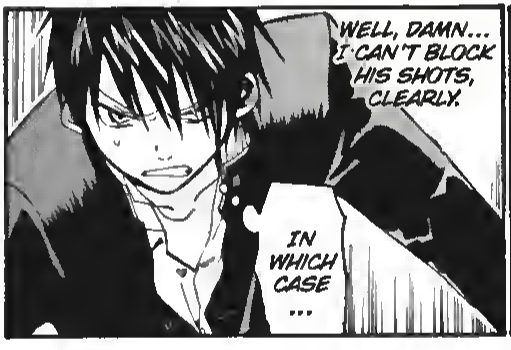
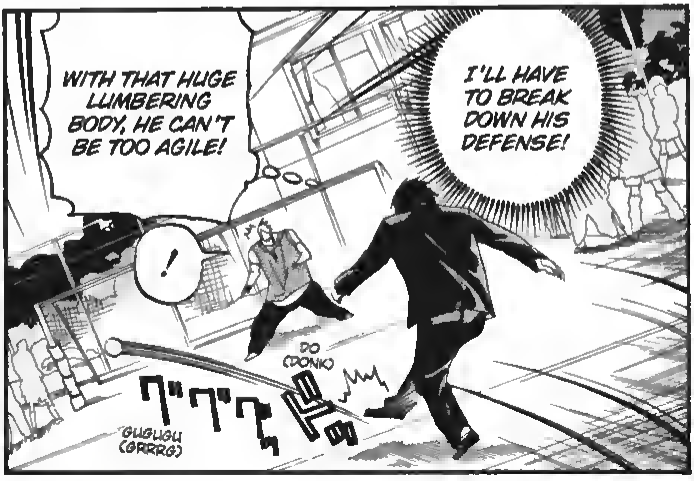
KOUSHI INUZUKA - TENKA KOGANEI





SFX: NIYA (SMIRK)

MY FAMILY IS THE CLAN OF THE TIGER.
WHY SO SURPRISED?
IF I COULDN'T CATCH THE PREY I SET OUT TO NAB, I'D BE A DISGRACE TO THE KOGANE! NAME!
ZAZA (ZSHH)
BASH!! (SNATCH)
!!?

OH MY GOD...
GIRA (GLINT)
...SO YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT ESCAPING FROM ME!
OF COURSE, MY PREY THIS TIME IS YOU...

...AND OFFENSE ...
IN DEFENSE ...

THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN DO!
...I'M TOTALLY OVERPOWERED...
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オオ
GOOOOO (WHOOOM)
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KOUSHI INUZUKA - TENKA KOGANEI

ビュウウゥ...
BYUUU (WHOOOSH)
.....
.....
SHIN... (SHH)
しん....

...AND YOU'LL HAVE LOST...
...KOUSHI INUZUKA ...
ONE MORE GOAL...
BIKU (JRK)
ONE MORE GOAL
JUST ONE MORE GOAL ...

HE REALLY, SERIOUSLY WANTS TO KILL ME!!
TAKE YOUR PICK!
OR WILL YOU LET MY SHOT PULVERIZE YOUR BONES?
SO, WILL YOU LOSE AND CUT YOUR STOMACH OPEN?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I WON'T LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY, ALL OVER SUCH A STUPID THING...
I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS AT ALL...
...BE IN FRONT OF A SOCCER NET AFTER SCHOOL?
I DON'T WANT TO DIE, DAMMIT!
HOW CAN MY FINAL RESTING PLACE...
TSK! I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, KOUSHI INUZUKA!
IS THERE ANY WAY TO GET AWAY FROM HIM...!?
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING I CAN DO...

THIS IS RIDICULOUS. I'M LEAVING!
HOW CAN I BE PUMPED TO FIGHT A GUY WHO HIDES BEHIND A WOMAN? YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORTH KILLING.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
!
BIKU (FLINCH)
IF YOU GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY, THEN SPIT IT OUT!
GA (WHOK)

.....
.....
THAT'S IT... THE SECRET TO GET AWAY FROM HIM...

SFX: IRA IRA (GRRR)
?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SFX: CHIRA (PEEK)
BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND...

...!

.....
.....
.....
.....

YOU CAN'T EVEN FIGHT ...
...AND WHEN THE SOCCER MATCH YOU SUGGESTED TURNS SOUR, YOU GET SCARED!?
AHA... I GET IT...
YOU'RE SCARED OF ME.
PATHETIC! BE A MAN!
.....
HE CAN'T FACE THE PEOPLE WHO SCARE HIM. WHAT A COWARD...
I GUESS YOU'RE NOT JUST WEAK, YOU'RE ALSO A COWARD!
!
N-
NO...
.....
.....
YOU GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY? GOT A PROBLEM?
CAN YOU DO OUR HOMEWORK FOR US?

I FELT THE SAME WAY WHEN I WAS A SLAVE TO THOSE THUGS...
DAMMIT... I KNOW THIS FEELING...
COMPARED TO A POWERFUL AND BRAVE GUY LIKE ME, OF COURSE!
SIGH!
MAN, KOUSHI INUZUKA IS ONE PATHETIC WIMP!
!
KOUSHI-DONO ...?
ZAWA (MURMUR)
ZAWA
M-MOMOKO...
KOUSHI-DONO IS NOTHING LIKE THAT!
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE LEAST SHRED OF MANLI—
HE'S AFRAID OF MY STRENGTH AND COURAGE!
HEY! KOUSHI INUZUKA!
.....
.....
(WHIZ)
YOU'RE WRONG!
SEE?
LOOK AT HIM! HE'S GOT NO GUTS!
O-
OPEN YOUR EYES!

KNEEL ON THE GROUND LIKE THE LOSER YOU ARE.
SHOW EVERYONE HOW YOU WILL APOLOGIZE TO ME.
.....!!
WHA-
BEG FOR MY FORGIVE-NESS!
NIYA (SMIRK)
SFX: GAAN (WHAM)
BIKU (TWITCH)
COME ON...
JUST DO IT, ALREADY!
BAKI (CRACK)
!!
.....!
...DAMMIT...

COLD SWEAT, A PAINFUL LUMP AT THE BACK OF MY THROAT. ONCE I GET THIS WAY...
I KNOW THIS FEELING, BECAUSE I'VE EXPERIENCED IT MANY TIMES BEFORE.
ARE YOU GONNA OBEY MY COMMANDS ...
...OR AREN'T YOU...?
GA (ZSHO)
BORO (BLONK)
SFX: GIRO (GLARE)
SFX: GUI (TUG)
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO, I GUESS...
...BY MEN STRONGER THAN ME...
WHENEVER I GET THREATENED ...
...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY THEM...
DARAN (SLUMP)
.....
.....

!
GASHI
(GRAB)

LET GO OF ME...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
.....
HISH! (SQUISH)
.....
WHA ...!?
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE!
...STOP IT?
BUT ...
"BUT" WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU GONNA SAY?
GO ON, DON'T HOLD ...
... BACK ...
...PLEASE...
JUST... STOP THIS...

PLEASE ...
...USE YOUR IMAGINATION ...
WHEN YOUR KNEES TOUCH THE GROUND ...
...IN THAT VERY INSTANT...
...WHAT KIND OF FEELINGS WILL BE RUNNING THROUGH YOUR HEART?

IN THAT MOMENT, SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT INSIDE OF YOU...
...WILL CRUMBLE TO PIECES AND DISAPPEAR!

SFX: GU (GRR)

...IS WHAT KEEPS ME...
THAT HORRIBLE THOUGHT ...
...FROM LETTING GO OF YOU!
I WILL STOP YOU, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU TRY.
OVER ...
... AND OVER ...

...AND OVER!!
THAT'S RIGHT. AM I JUST ASSUMING THE HUMILIATION OF ADMITTING DEFEAT...
...WILL HAPPEN TO ME, EVERY SINGLE TIME?
IF I DO THAT EVERY TIME...
GYU (GRIT)
...IT WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT IT HAPPENS THE NEXT TIME, AND THE NEXT AFTER THAT, AND SO ON!
DAMMIT... DAMMIT!!
GUGU (GRRR)

YAY!!
わっ!!
KOUSHI-DONO!
I COULDN'T FORGIVE MYSELF FOR DOING THAT!
DAMN, HE STOOD UP.
ALL RIGHT, SO YOU STILL WANNA GO FOR IT!?
YEAH. LET'S DO THIS.
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
SO IF I WANT TO COMPETE...
SFX: ZA!! (ZSH)
WELL, ALL RIGHT THEN...
LET'S GO...
ニヤッ
NIYA (SMIRK)
THINK OF A WAY TO BEAT HIM...
I HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWER!
...I HAVE TO THINK.

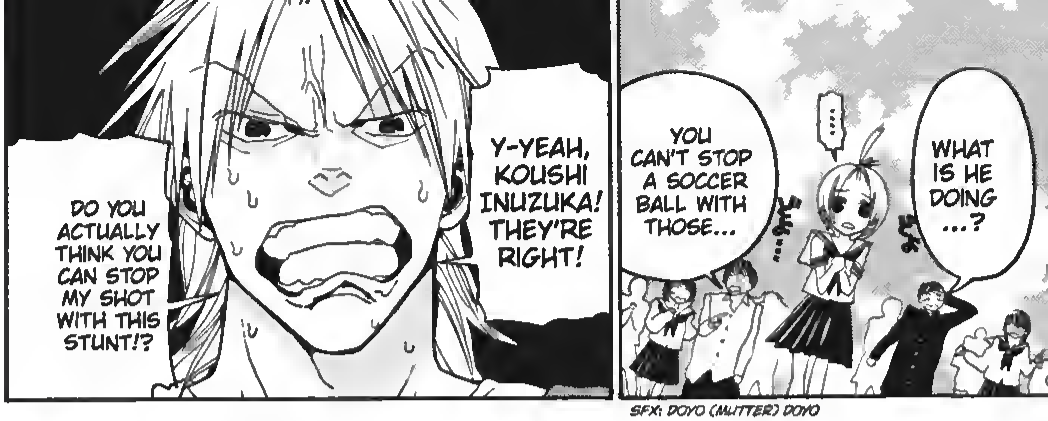
I'M GONNA PULVERIZE YOUR BONES INTO DUST!!
AHHHH!
COME ONNN! GOOD LUCK!
AHHHH!
WAAA
ZA!!
HOW CAN I STOP HIS SHOT!?
THINK!
YOU'RE SCARED, KOUSHI INUZUKA! MY FAMILY IS THE CLAN OF THE TIGER!
THE STEELY POWER OF THE TIGER WILL BE CHANNELED THROUGH MY SHOTS AND INTO YOUR BODY FOR MASSIVE DAMAGE! YOU'LL BE BLASTED TO SMITHEREENS!
THINK!
NOTHING MORE THAN A GREAT BIG...
WHAT IS A TIGER, ANY-WAY?
TIGER THIS, TIGER THAT! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
KEEP HIM BUSY, KEEP TALKING... BUY TIME TO THINK.
SMITH-EREENS? I HARDLY THINK SO.
YOU'LL BE KILLED BY A WARRIOR OF THE TIGER!
DON'T BE SCARED. YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

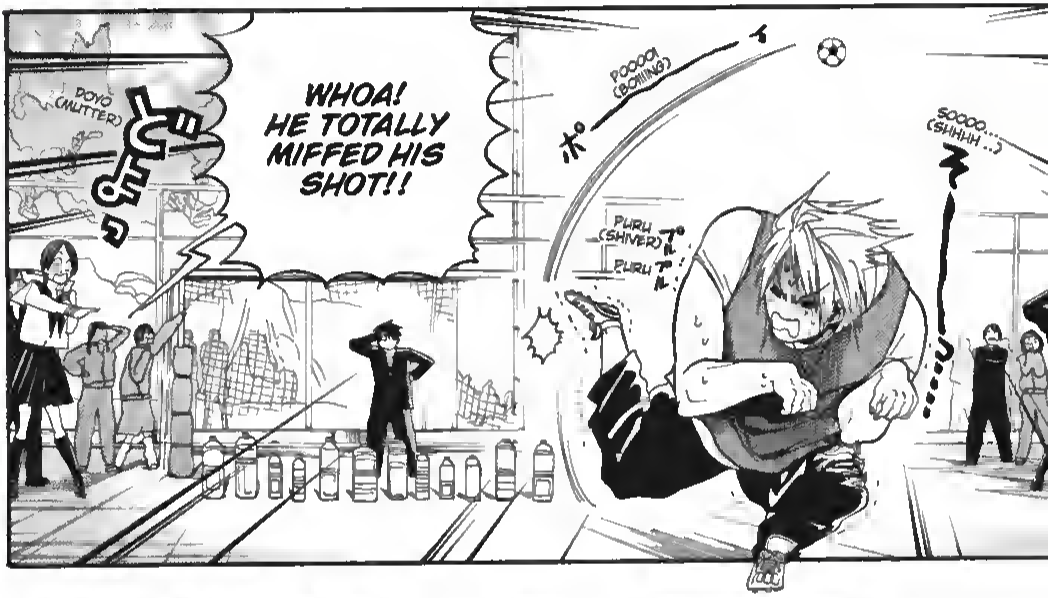
FUUUU (HISSS)
AND THAT'S WHY HE...
OOOAAAAAA (WAAAAHH)
STAY MY PARTNER FOREVER, WON'T-CHA!?
AWW, THANKS, BECKY! YOU'RE THE BEST CHICK A GUY COULD EVER KNOW!
OF COURSE...
WE CAN NEVER FULFILL OUR PROMISE, NOW...
!!
MOMOKO'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME.
SFX: GORO (PURR)
SFX: KARI (SCRATCH) KARI KARI KARI KARI KARI

...A TIGER REALLY IS JUST...
IF YOU THINK OF IT THAT WAY...
?
I'VE FOUND YOUR WEAKNESS!

キュッ
KYU (SWIK)
ジャー
JAAAA (FSHHHHHH)
ガコーン
GAKONN (KTHUNK)
チャリン
CHARIN (CLINK)

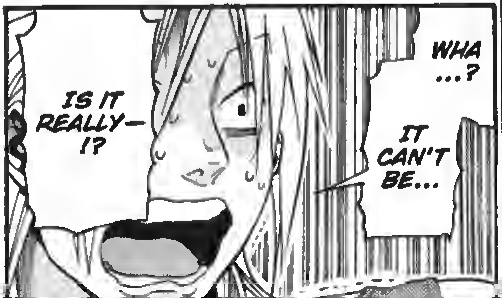
COME AT ME ANY WAY YOU LIKE!
OKAY.
DON (BOOM)
PLASTIC BOTTLES... FILLED WITH WATER!?
ZURA (ZLOOM)


DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK YOU CAN STOP MY SHOT WITH THIS STUNT!?
Y-YEAH, KOUSHI INUZUKA! THEY'RE RIGHT!
YOU CAN'T STOP A SOCCER BALL WITH THOSE...
WHAT IS HE DOING ...?
SFX: DOYO (MUTTER) DOYO


DOYO (MUTTER)
WHOA! HE TOTALLY MIFFED HIS SHOT!!
POOOO (BOOING)
PURU (SHIVER)
PURU
SOOOO... (SHHHH...)

YOU'RE A TIGER, AFTER ALL!!
YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I JUST DID, DON'T YOU?

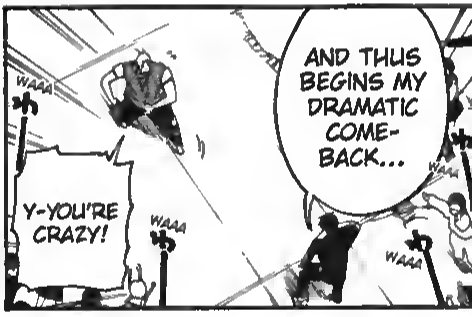
WHY THE HECK DID HE MISS SO BAD!?
ZAWA (MUURMUUR)
WHAT HAPPENED?
ZAWA
ZAWA
UIRO (SPIND)
UIRO
FUUUU (HISSSS)


IS IT REALLY—!?
WHA ...?
IT CAN'T BE...

FUUU (HISSS)
YES! THE CAT-REPELLING EFFECT OF WATER-FILLED BOTTLES!!
URO
URO
URO
TENKA KOGANEI...
BASED ON THE BEHAVIOR I'VE SEEN FROM YOU...
...IT IS CLEAR THAT YOU POSSESS VERY CATLIKE TENDENCIES...
I'M A TIGER! AND THIS MEANS NOTHING TO ME!
I'M NOT A CAT!
HE IS A CAT!?
HE'S AFRAID OF PLASTIC BOTTLES... JUST LIKE A REAL CAT.
GIKU (GERK)
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT A TIGER IS A FELINE.

AAH! MY COVER IS BLOWN!!
IN OTHER WORDS, A CAT'S WEAKNESSES WILL BE YOUR WEAKNESSES AS WELL!!
DOOOON (BOOOM)!!

I'M GONNA WIN AND KEEP MY PROMISE TO MOMOKO!
IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN... I'M GONNA WIN!
KI (KRR)


AND THUS BEGINS MY DRAMATIC COME-BACK...
Y-YOU'RE CRAZY!
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA

A PUSSY WILLOW!

MY PRIDE AS A TIGER WILL NOT ALLOW MY WEAKNESSES TO BE USED AGAINST ME!
DA (DMM)
UOOOOOO (RAAAHHH)

WOW. KOUSHI IS TOTALLY PLAYING WITH THE GUY!
ZAWA (MURMUR)
NYAN (MEOW)
NYAN
GORO (PURR)
GORO
1-2
KOUSHI INUZUKA - TENKA KOGANEI
D-
DAMMIT!!
HOW CAN THIS BE HAPPENING!?
"NEXT IT'S YOUR TURN TO KICK"... RIGHT?
LOOKS LIKE IT'S YOU, NOT ME, WHO'S GONNA GET TORN TO SHREDS!
"COME ON, LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH."
SFX: GU (GRR)
...AND OFFENSE ...
IN DEFENSE ...

MORE IMPORTANTLY ...
THE PRACTICE OF SEPPUKU WAS ABOLISHED AGES AGO, IN THE SIXTH YEAR OF THE MEIJI ERA, 1873.
DON'T, YOU IDIOT.
I LOST... SO I'LL KILL MYSELF NOW AS WE AGREED.
DAMMIT, MAN!

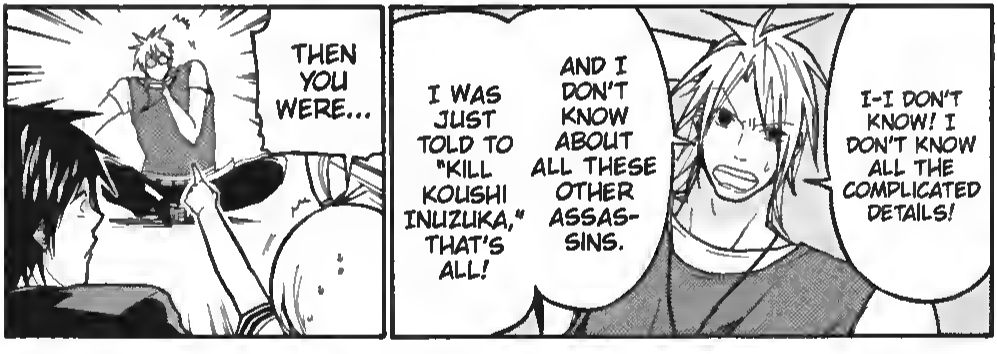
SFX: ZUI (ZRKK)

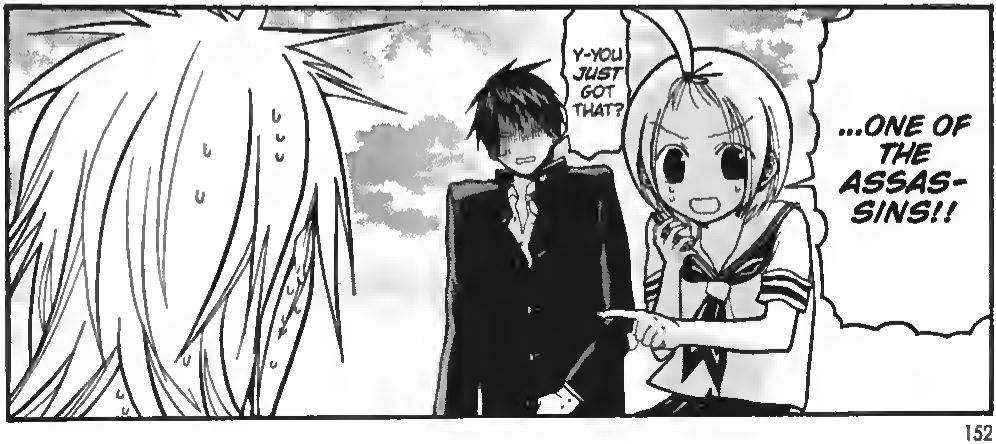
WHAT IS THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS' WAR?
I WANT ANSWERS!!
WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME IN THE FIRST PLACE?
...I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU EXPLAIN WHAT MY FATHER WOULDN'T!

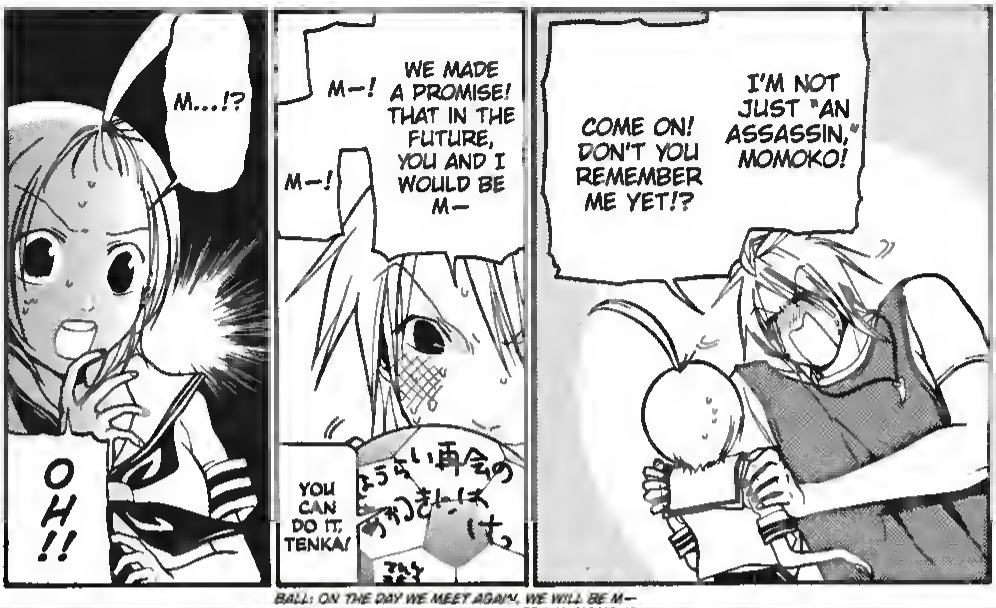
CHAPTER 3: A BATTLE FOR PRIDE - END

4. DINNER, A BATH, OR ME

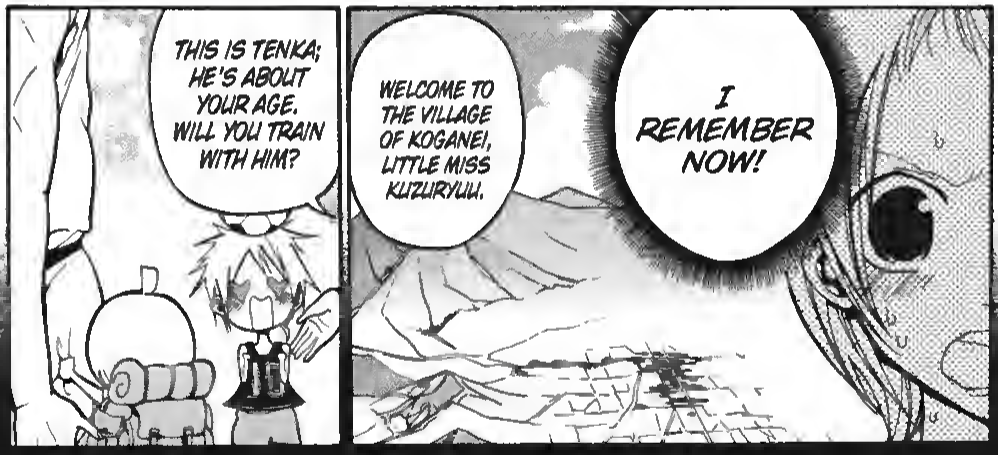
WHY WERE YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?
WHAT IS THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS' WAR!?

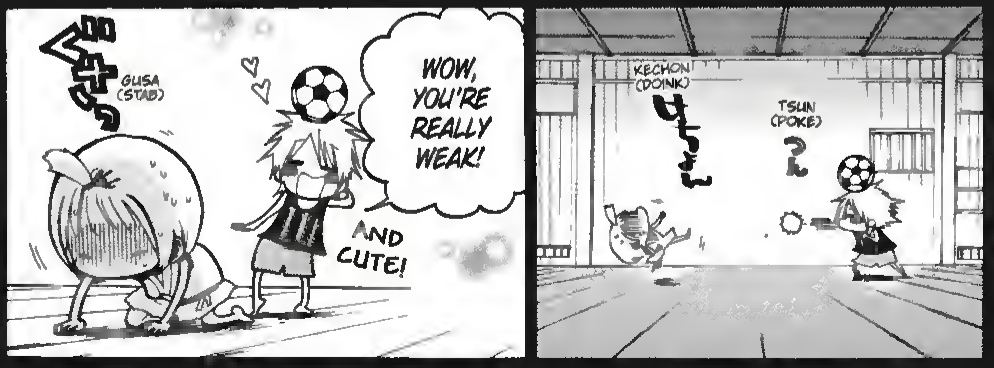

THEN YOU WERE...
I WAS JUST TOLD TO "KILL KOUSHI INUZUKA," THAT'S ALL!
AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL THESE OTHER ASSAS-SINS.
I-I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW ALL THE COMPLICATED DETAILS!


Y-YOU JUST GOT THAT?
...ONE OF THE ASSAS-SINS!!


M...!?
OH!!
M-!
M-!
WE MADE A PROMISE! THAT IN THE FUTURE, YOU AND I WOULD BE M-
YOU CAN DO IT, TENKA!
COME ON! DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME YET!?
I'M NOT JUST "AN ASSASSIN," MOMOKO!

BALL: ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN, WE WILL BE M—
TENKA, MOMOKO


THIS IS TENKA; HE'S ABOUT YOUR AGE. WILL YOU TRAIN WITH HIM?
WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE OF KOGANE!, LITTLE MISS KUZURYUU.
I REMEMBER NOW!



I WILL DISPEL THIS STAIN ON MY HONOR ONE DAY.
I AM CONTINUING ON MY JOURNEY TO TRAIN MYSELF.
BURU
I...I HAVE BEEN HUMILIATED!!
BURU (TREMBLE)
LET'S MAKE A PROMISE TO OUR FUTURE... WILL YOU BE OUR WITNESS, BECKY?
SURE, LET'S DO THAT!
WHAT A SWEET-HEART!
WANTS TO BE STRONGER SO SHE'S MORE SUITABLE FOR ME
YOU BET!
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.
WHEN I AM STRONGER!
KI CORRO
Y-YEAH, WE KNOW WHAT IT REALLY MEANS!
YOU NEED NOT SAY THE REST...
HEE HEE
STOP RIGHT THERE.
KYU (SKWIK)
KYU
ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN, WE WILL BE—
ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN ...
ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN ...

BALL: ON THE DAY WE MEET AGAIN, WE WILL BE M—
TENKA, MOMOKO

WE WILL BE...
MARRIED!!
MORTAL ENEMIES!!
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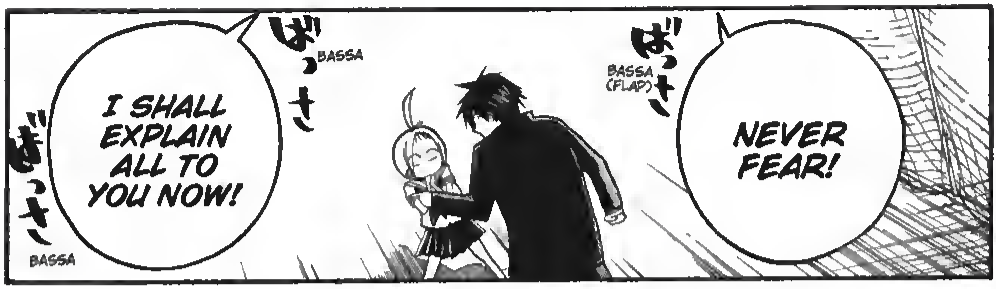
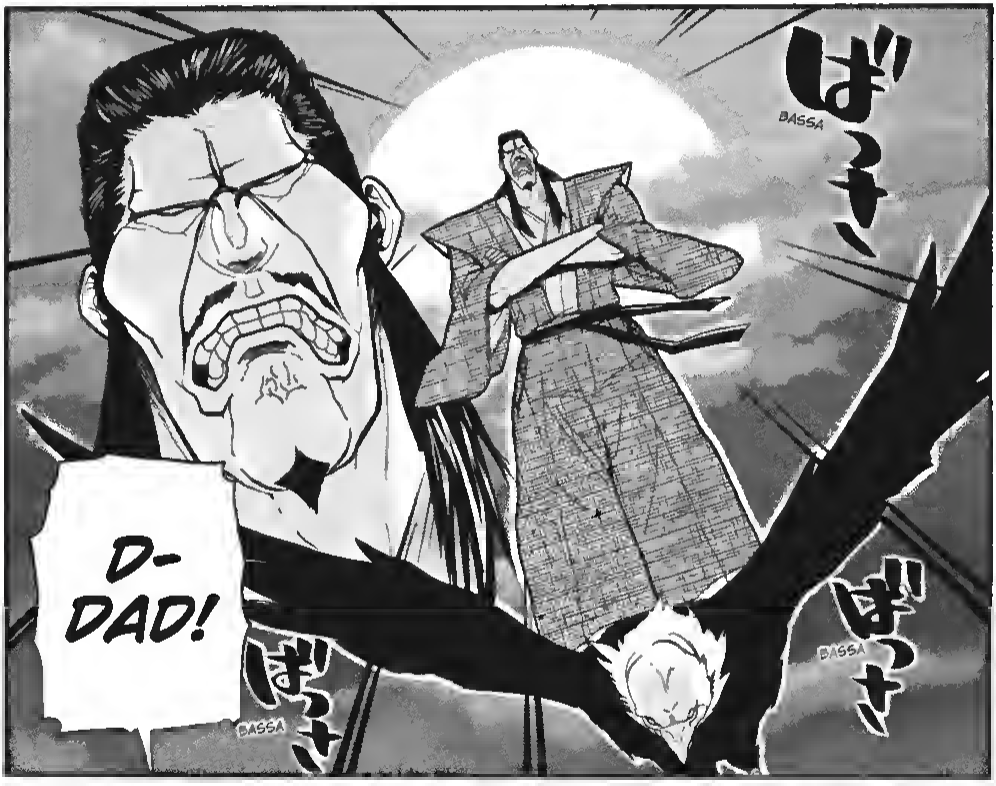
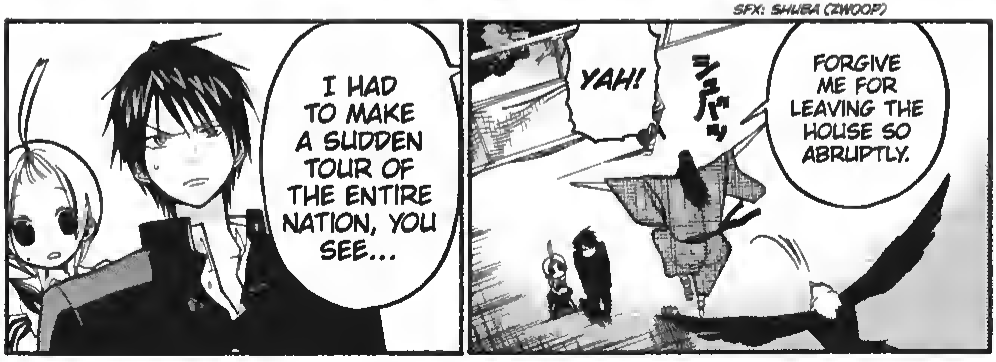
GOGOGOGOGO (GRRRRRR)
ウフフフフ
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE
I REMEMBER NOW!!!
REALLY!?
SFX: GOGOGOGOGO (GRRRMMMM)
THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO UNVEIL THE SKILLS I HAVE POLISHED SINCE LAST TIME!
HAAAAHH!
ENOUGH OF YOUR EXCUSES!
...M—...
HUH!?
UH, NO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO GET...
THEN YOU HAVE COME FOR OUR DUEL AS PROMISED!!
ZAZA (CRASH)

RISING DRAGON SPLITTING HEAVEN SHOCK!!
GYAAAAAA!
GYUNAVU GWSHKK

OH NO!
I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE WAR!
WHY DID YOU JUST KNOCK HIM INTO ORBIT, DAMMIT!?


I SHALL EXPLAIN ALL TO YOU NOW!
BASSA
BASSA
BASSA (FLAP)
NEVER FEAR!

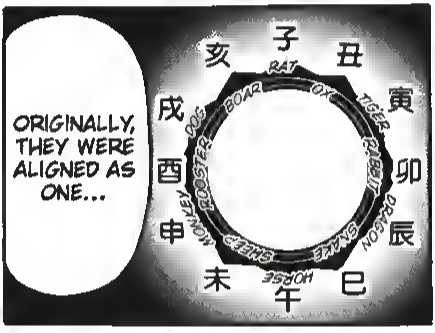

D-DAD!
BASSA
BASSA
BASSA
BASSA

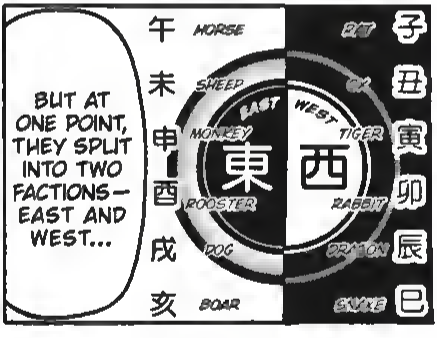

I HAD TO MAKE A SUDDEN TOUR OF THE ENTIRE NATION, YOU SEE...
SFX: SHUBA (ZWOOP)
YAH!
FORGIVE ME FOR LEAVING THE HOUSE SO ABRUPTLY.

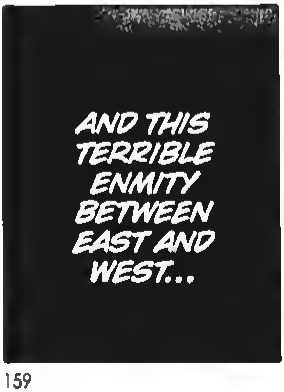
...TO PREVENT THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON AN ONCOMING TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS' WAR!
SHIIIIIN (SILENCE)
HEED THESE WORDS AND CARVE THEM INTO YOUR HEART...
...TO EXPLAIN EVERY-THING.
NOW, ALLOW ME...

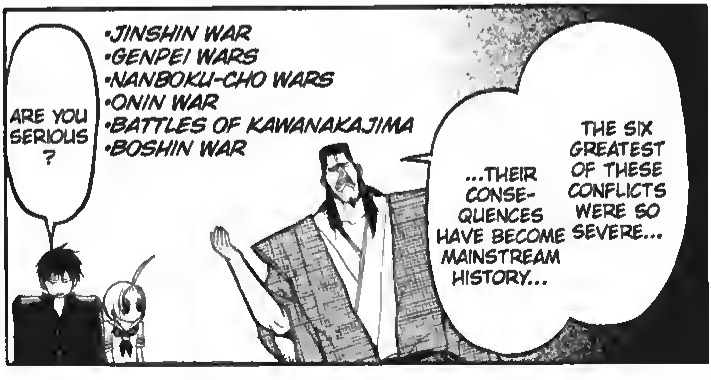
TO BEGIN WITH...
...THERE ARE TWELVE MARTIAL ARTS BLOODLINES THROUGHOUT JAPAN THAT HAVE EXISTED FOR CENTURIES.

AND THUS THE VARIOUS MARTIAL ARTS FAMILIES SPLIT INTO AN EASTERN ARMY AND WESTERN ARMY...
...AND THEY DID BATTLE IN MANY WARS, OVER AND OVER...

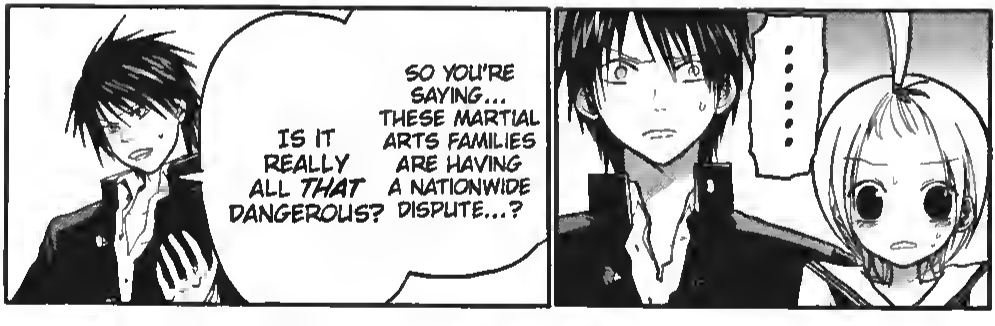

ORIGINALLY, THEY WERE ALIGNED AS ONE...
子 丑 寅 卯 辰 巳 午 未 申 酉 戌 亥
RAT OX TIGER RABBIT DRAGON SNAKE HORSE SHEEP MONKEY ROOSTER DOG BOAR


BUT AT ONE POINT, THEY SPLIT INTO TWO FACTIONS— EAST AND WEST...
午 未 申 酉 戌 亥
HORSE SHEEP MONKEY ROOSTER DOG BOAR
東 EAST
西 WEST
子 丑 寅 卯 辰 巳
RAT OX TIGER RABBIT DRAGON SNAKE


AND THIS TERRIBLE ENMITY BETWEEN EAST AND WEST...


ARE YOU SERIOUS?
•JINSHIN WAR
•GENPEI WARS
•NANBOKU-CHO WARS
•ONIN WAR
•BATTLES OF KAWANAKAJIMA
•BOSHIN WAR
...THEIR CONSE-QUENCES HAVE BECOME MAINSTREAM HISTORY...
THE SIX GREATEST OF THESE CONFLICTS WERE SO SEVERE...

...HAS EXTENDED TO THE 21ST CENTURY AS THE WARRIORS OF THE EAST AND THE WEST CONTINUE TO CLASH IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL!


IS IT REALLY ALL *THAT* DANGEROUS?
SO YOU'RE SAYING... THESE MARTIAL ARTS FAMILIES ARE HAVING A NATIONWIDE DISPUTE...?
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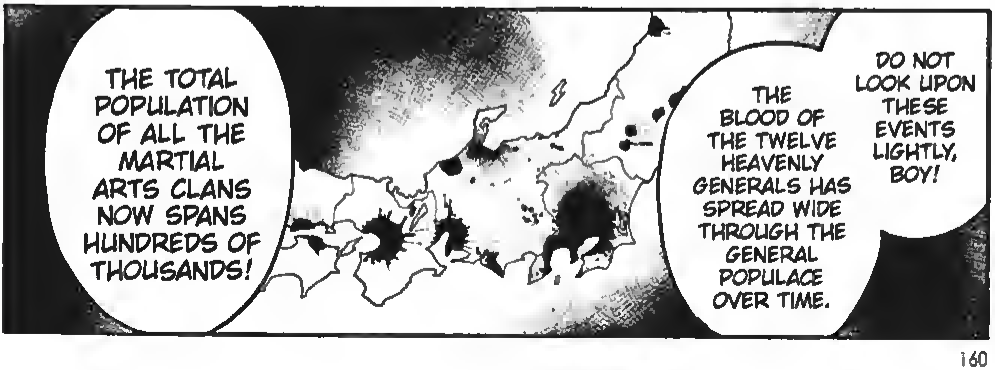
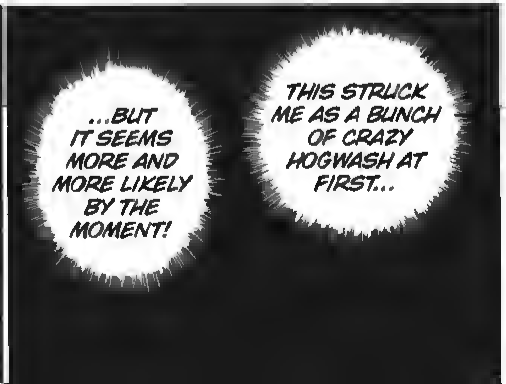

THE TOTAL POPULATION OF ALL THE MARTIAL ARTS CLANS NOW SPANS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS!
THE BLOOD OF THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GENERALS HAS SPREAD WIDE THROUGH THE GENERAL POPULACE OVER TIME.
DO NOT LOOK UPON THESE EVENTS LIGHTLY, BOY!

AND NOT ONLY THAT, THEY HAVE MEMBERS IN ALL FACETS OF POWER:
FROM POLITICS AND FINANCE...
...TO CELEBRITIES, MEDIA, AND SPORTS...
...EVEN YAKUZA AND ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES!

TH-THAT'S A LOT...

FOR EXAMPLE, THINK OF ALL THE SPORTS PLAYERS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WITH "TORA" (TIGER) IN THEIR LAST NAME.

...SUDDENLY GATHER THEIR STRENGTH FOR A MASSIVE CONFLICT?
AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF ALL THESE POWERFUL FIGURES ACROSS JAPAN...

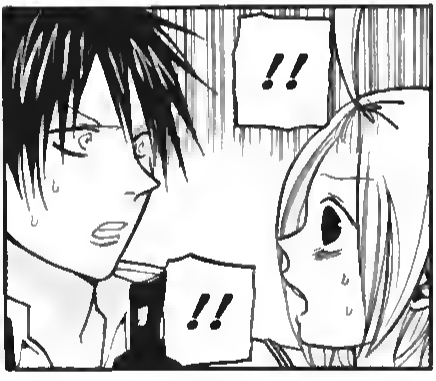

...BUT IT SEEMS MORE AND MORE LIKELY BY THE MOMENT!
THIS STRUCK ME AS A BUNCH OF CRAZY HOGWASH AT FIRST...

YOU WILL SEE THIS NATION PLUNGED INTO THE FIRES OF WAR!
SFX: ZUZUZUZUZU (DOOMMMMMM)

.....
.....
DO NOT GRIEVE, MY SON ...
...I'M INVOLVED IN THIS TOO?
DAD, ARE YOU SAYING...

AT THE HEAD OF THE WESTERN JAPAN ARMY IS THE KUZURYUU FAMILY...
...AND AT THE HEAD OF THE EASTERN JAPAN ARMY, THE INUZUKA FAMILY!

AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF STALE-MATE, BOTH SIDES ARE READY TO EXPLODE.
ONE DAY VERY SOON ...
...WE COULD SEE THE SEVENTH GREAT WAR...
...THE ARRIVAL OF THE SEVENTH HEAVENLY GENERALS' WAR OF JAPAN!!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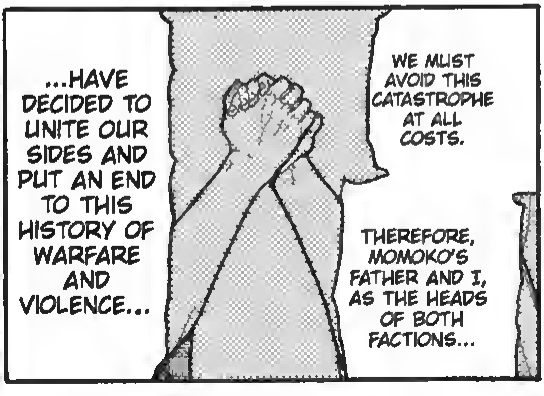
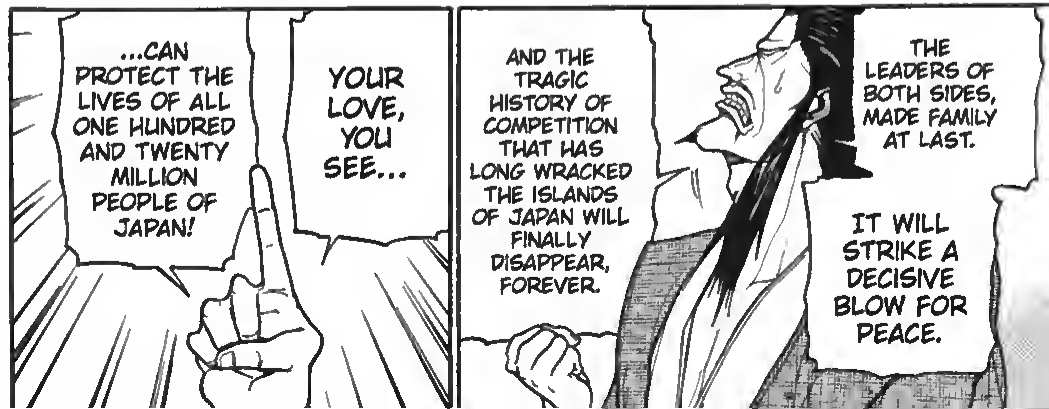
AND OUR MEANS OF PEACE IS AS SUCH:
THE BINDING OF THE INUZUKA AND KUZURYUU CLANS THROUGH BLOOD...

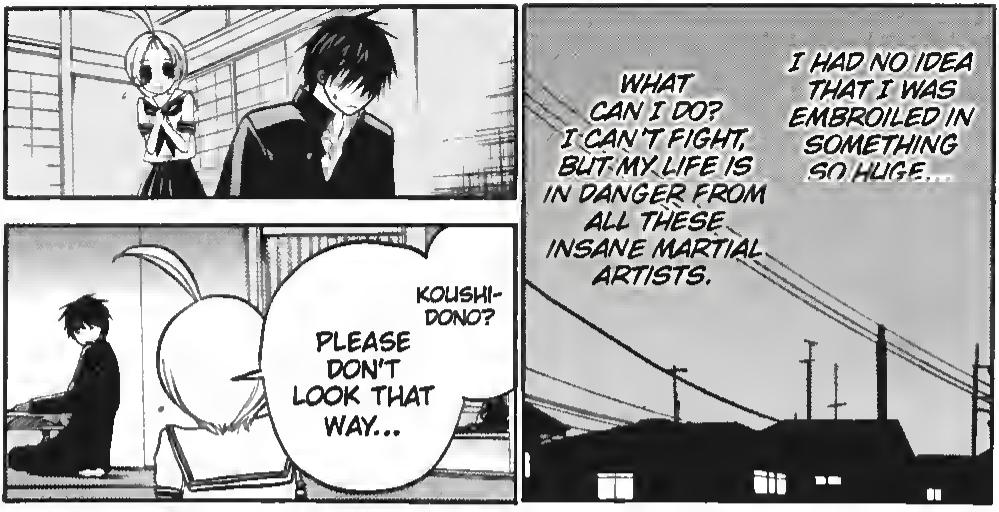

WE MUST AVOID THIS CATASTROPHE AT ALL COSTS.
THEREFORE, MOMOKO'S FATHER AND I, AS THE HEADS OF BOTH FACTIONS...
...HAVE DECIDED TO UNITE OUR SIDES AND PUT AN END TO THIS HISTORY OF WARFARE AND VIOLENCE...

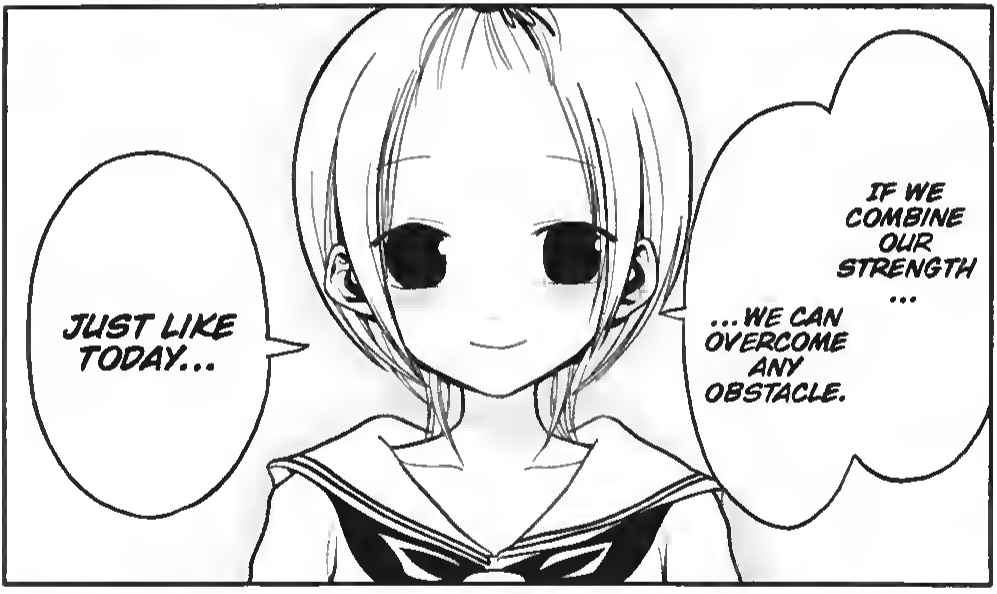
THIS IS A VITAL CEREMONY TO FORGE PEACE BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN JAPAN!!
IN OTHER WORDS, KOUSHI, MOMOKO...! YOU ARE TO BE WED!

...THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!!
SO...

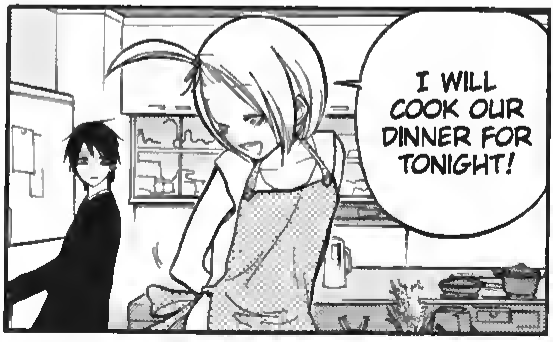

...CAN PROTECT THE LIVES OF ALL ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY MILLION PEOPLE OF JAPAN!
YOUR LOVE, YOU SEE...
AND THE TRAGIC HISTORY OF COMPETITION THAT HAS LONG WRACKED THE ISLANDS OF JAPAN WILL FINALLY DISAPPEAR, FOREVER.
THE LEADERS OF BOTH SIDES, MADE FAMILY AT LAST.
IT WILL STRIKE A DECISIVE BLOW FOR PEACE.

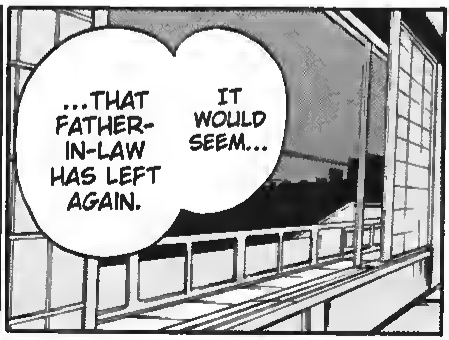
DO NOT FEAR, FATHER-IN-LAW!
SLIDE (SLIP)
THOSE ARE YOUR ASSASSINS!
THEY WILL COME AFTER YOU, TO KILL KOUSHI...
THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO STOP YOUR MARRIAGE, AND THUS OUR ATTEMPT AT BRIDGING THE RIFT...
THERE IS A STRONG FACTION OF EXTREMISTS IN THE WESTERN ARMY OPPOSED TO PEACE ...
BUT THE HATRED OF EACH SIDE RUNS DEEP...
LEAST OF ALL SOME THREATENING ASSASSINS!
MY LOVE FOR KOUSHI-DONO WILL NOT BE BROKEN BY ANYONE!
.....
MOMOKO ...!

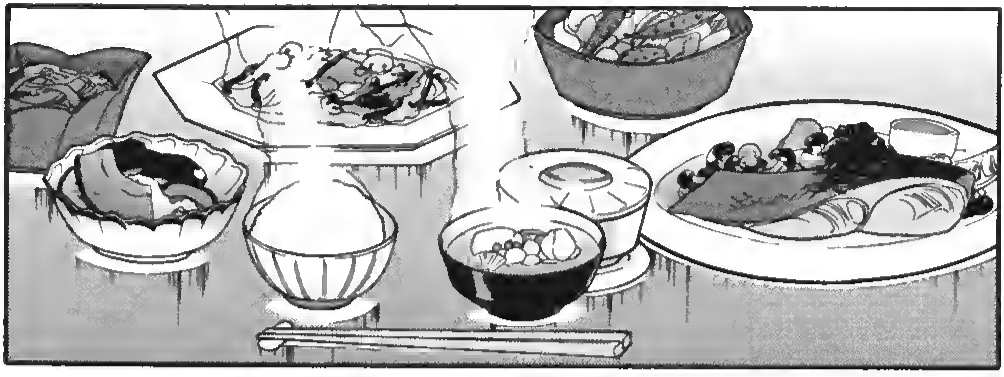

I HAD NO IDEA THAT I WAS EMBROILED IN SOMETHING SO HUGE...
WHAT CAN I DO? I CAN'T FIGHT, BUT MY LIFE IS IN DANGER FROM ALL THESE INSANE MARTIAL ARTISTS.
KOUSHI-DONO?
PLEASE DON'T LOOK THAT WAY...


IF WE COMBINE OUR STRENGTH ...
...WE CAN OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE.
JUST LIKE TODAY...

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL ALWAYS BE AT YOUR SIDE.


I WILL COOK OUR DINNER FOR TONIGHT!


IT WOULD SEEM...
...THAT FATHER-IN-LAW HAS LEFT AGAIN.



IT'S GOOD.
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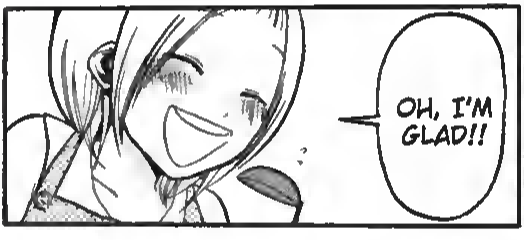
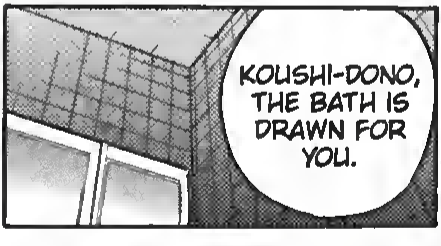
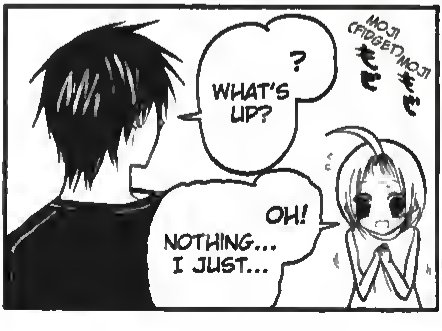
YOU MADE ALL OF THIS?
YES!


OH, I'M GLAD!!


KOUSHI-DONO, THE BATH IS DRAWN FOR YOU.


MOJI (FIDGET)
MOJI (FIDGET)
WHAT'S UP?
?
OH!
NOTHING... I JUST...

...I JUST REALIZED THAT IT'S ONLY THE TWO OF US...
...TONIGHT...
HUH?
N-
NO, IT'S COOL... YOU GO IN FIRST.
U-
U-UM, THE BATH IS READY, YOU KNOW!
N-NO, PLEASE! I INSIST, KOUSHI-DONO...
HA
COHO
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SFX: ZAAAAA
ZAAAAA (FSHHHHHH)
SFX: ZAAAAA
SFX: ZAAAAA
...HAVING TOTALLY NEGLECTED MY STUDY QUOTA FOR THE DAY!
I NEARLY WENT TO BED ...
I OUGHT TO BE STUDY-ING!
HA HA!
GISSHI
ZAAA (FSHHH)
GISSHI (CREAK)
GEEZ!
WHAT AM I DOING, WANDERING AROUND HERE!?
HA HA!
IT'S NOT LIKE ME...
HA HA!
THAT'S NO GOOD ...
HOW COULD I POS-SIBLY FORGET ...
...TO STUDY?

I HAD A GOAL TO REACH.
I'VE NEVER, EVER NEGLECTED MY STUDIES.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? HOW COULD I FORGET TO STUDY?
YEAH, IT'S NOT LIKE ME... NOT AT ALL.
UNTIL I REALIZED HOW MUCH HIS INSANE STORY WORKED ME UP...
OR SO I THOUGHT!
I'M NOT LIKE THESE CRAZY PEOPLE. I HAVE NORMAL THOUGHTS AND NORMAL DESIRES!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE HAD THIS PLAN TO BE A PROSECUTOR ALL ALONG!
GA (GRAB)
WHOA! GET A GRIP! THIS IS WEIRD!
HUH!?
THIS IS NUTS...
IT...IT CAN'T BE...
GEEZ, WHAT WAS I THINKING ABOUT!?
...AND WHEN I COULD NO LONGER KEEP MY PEACE OF MIND...

I'M BEING SWEPT UP INTO THEIR CRAZY WORLD!!!

5. INVISIBLE BONDS

KOUSHI-DONO HAS BEEN STRANGELY KIND TONIGHT...
DOKI (BADUM)
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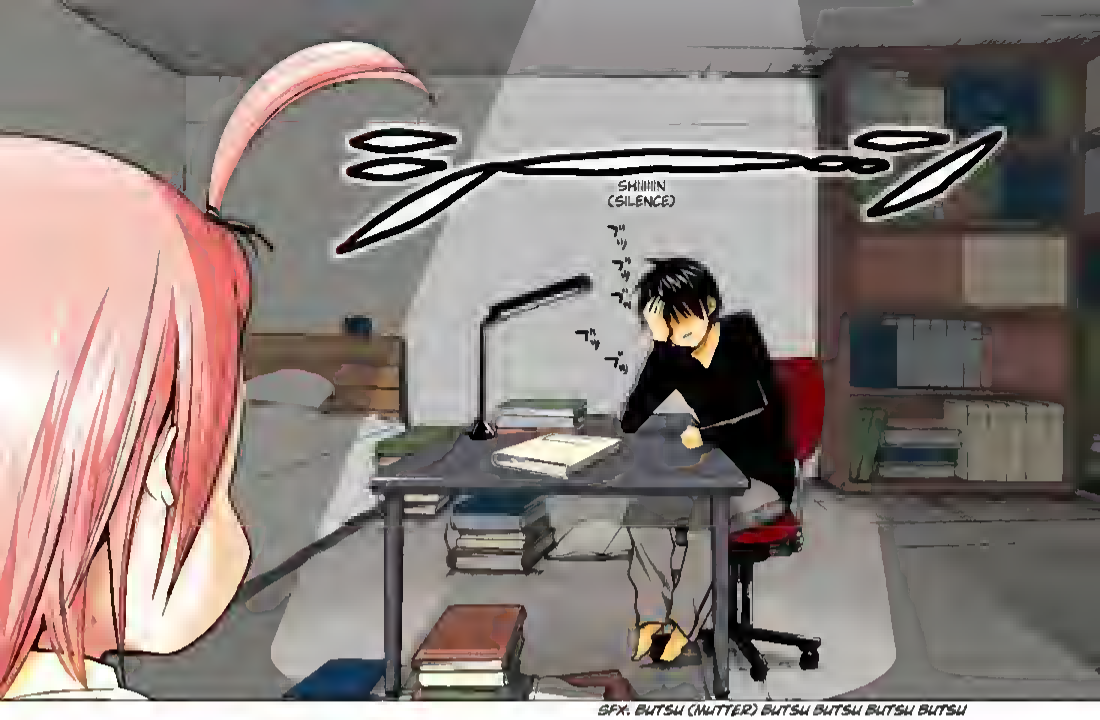
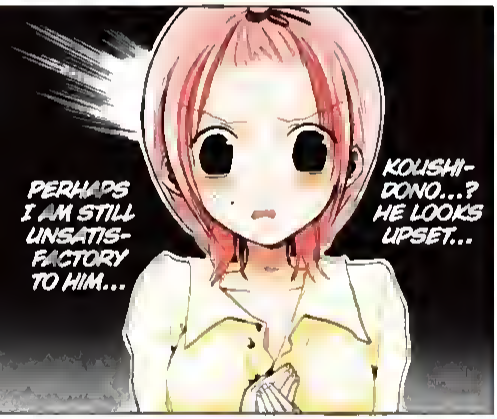
COULD IT BE...? IS THIS THE NIGHT?
KOUSHI-DONO... WOULD YOU DO ME THE HONOR...
...OF HAVING...
DOKI
ドキッ
...S-
...S-S-SEX WITH ME...?
IS THIS THE NIGHT HE WILL ACCEPT MY LOVE!?



SFX: BUTSU (MUTTER) BUTSU BUTSU BUTSU BUTSU



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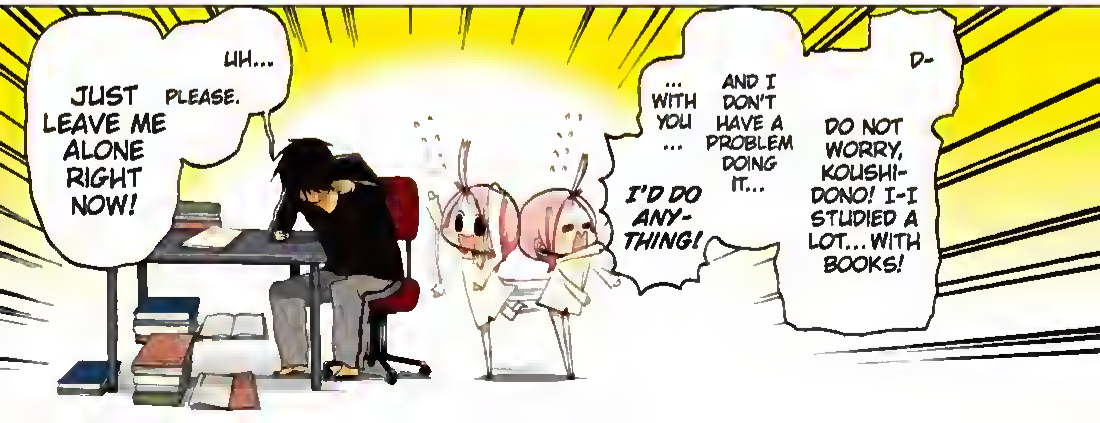
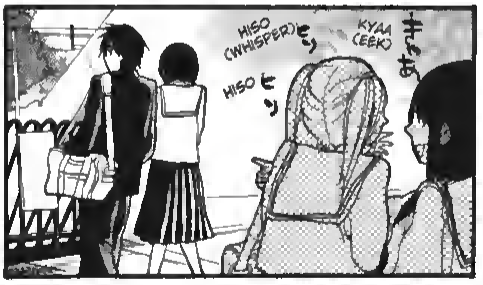

UH...
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE RIGHT NOW!
PLEASE.
I'D DO ANY-THING!
... WITH YOU ...
AND I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM DOING IT...
D-
DO NOT WORRY, KOUSHI-DONO! I-I STUDIED A LOT... WITH BOOKS!

KAAN KOON (DING-DONG)
KIIN KOON (DING-DONG)
BUH-BYE!
LET'S GO!
I CAN'T TAKE IT.
ARE YOU GOING HOME, INUZUKA-KUN?
WAR!
TRAINING!
ASSASSINS!
SFX: GYAAA (RAAH) GYAAA
WE'VE HAD A LOT OF UNIT TESTS RECENTLY.
MUST BE STUDY FATIGUE.
U-UM, WOULD YOU LIKE TO WALK HOME TOGETHER?
ARE YOU ON CLEANING DUTY INUZUKA-KUN...?
GYA (RAH)
勉強
小テスト
掃除当番
YOU SEEM OUT OF IT...
CLASS REP...
STAMPS: STUDY, TESTS, CLEANING DUTY

A NORMAL CONVERSATION...
QUICK! LET US RETURN TO OUR DOMICILE!
BUNBU (WHOOSH)
BUNBU
I'M ON DUTY TODAY...
IT'S SO RELAXING...
OKAY, I'LL HELP.
KOUSHI-DONOOOOO!!
W-WOW, THANKS.
I HAVE TRAINED FOR JUST SUCH A—
AHHHHH!
IRA IRA (SPRRGHD)
THERE WILL BE NO DANGER FROM ONCOMING ASSASSINS!
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE WAR WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY...
...PLEASE, HAVE NO FEAR!

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!?
A-ARE YOU SURE, INUZUKA-KUN?
Y-YEAH, FORGET HER.
WAS THAT GOING TOO FAR...?
NO. SHE NEEDED TO HEAR THAT. IT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD MAKE HER UNDER-STAND!

THE TOPS OF THE SCHOOL CLASS.
THEY'RE A PERFECT COUPLE!
SERIOUS STUDENTS, BOTH MATURE... PLUS THEY EVEN LOOK ALIKE.


HISO (WHISPER)
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HISO
ヒソ
KYAA (EEK)
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WELL, AREN'T THEY SUITED FOR EACH OTHER?
KYAA
きゃあ
ヒソ
HISO
WOW, DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
ヒソ
HISO

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KAAA (BLUSH)
!
WE LOOK ALIKE ...?
?
S-
SORRY.
I BET YOU'D RATHER NOT HAVE PEOPLE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA.
WHAT? NO!
WHAT A MATCH
WOW, REALLY?
LOOK AT THEM!
UH!
I MEAN, FORGET I SAID THAT!
HUH ...?
IT'S NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL!
.....
.....

...I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE APOLOGIZ-...
ACTUALLY...
.....
.....
IT'S MOMOKO-CHAN WHO'S MUCH MORE SUITED TO BE WITH YOU...
...NOT ME...
I DON'T LIKE HER!
HER PRESENCE IS LIKE A CONSTANT INVITATION TO TROUBLE ...
I DON'T LIKE HER AT ALL ...
.....
!?
WHAT? THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!
I BET YOU'D ACTUALLY PREFER TO BE WITH MOMOKO-CHAN RIGHT NOW...

AT ALL...
HUHHH!? LOOK AT THOSE TWO!

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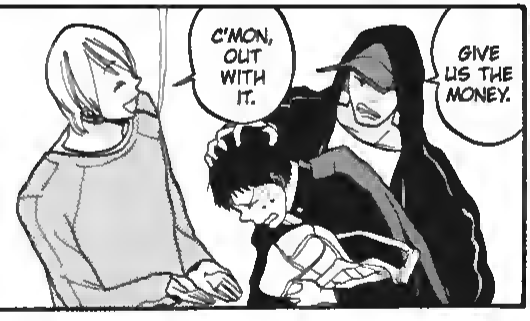
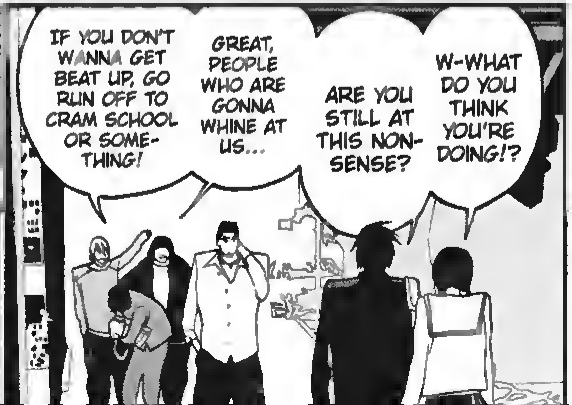
LOOK AT THE HONOR STUDENTS, HANGIN' OUT TOGETHER!


C'MON, OUT WITH IT.
GIVE US THE MONEY.

IT'S YOU AGAIN.
GREAT.

WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS!
NO!
CLASS REP!
H-HEY!

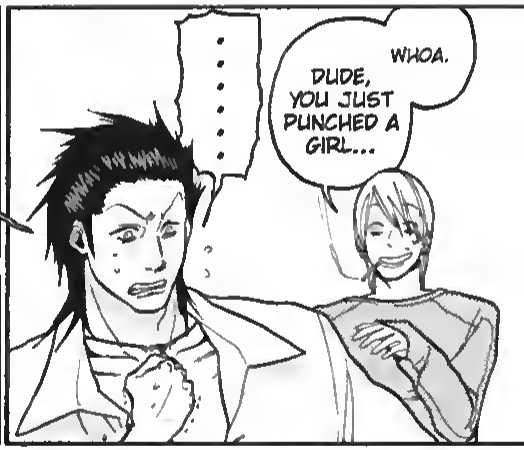

IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET BEAT UP, GO RUN OFF TO CRAM SCHOOL OR SOMETHING!
GREAT, PEOPLE WHO ARE GONNA WHINE AT US...
ARE YOU STILL AT THIS NONSENSE?
W-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?

A LITTLE THREAT, AND HE DOES OUR HOMEWORK ANYTIME WE WANT ...
HE'S A TOTAL CHICKEN.
NAH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT INUZUKA ...
THEY'RE GONNA GO SNITCH ON US.
... INUZUKA-KUN?
RIGHT ...
HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO SNITCH!
..... DON'T YOU GIVE ME THAT ATTITUDE, PUNK...
THE ONLY REASON YOU GOT OFF LAST TIME WAS BECAUSE OF THAT LITTLE CHICK...
HAVE YOU LEARNED TO DO IT ON YOUR OWN NOW?
YOU STOPPED ASKING ME FOR HOME-WORK HELP.
B- BUT...
!
GOOD FOR YOU!

HE'S GOT A POINT.
WHAT CAN I DO?
BUT SHE AIN'T HERE TODAY, IS SHE?
WHATCHA GONNA DO, HONOR STUDENT?
YOU BETTER NOT SNITCH TO A TEACHER!
LEMME TELL YOU SOME-THING...
SAY SOMETHING, ALREADY!
BECAUSE IF YOU SNITCH ON US...
LIKE HEROES OF GOODNESS AND JUSTICE?
ISN'T THAT LAME?
SO WHAT'S WITH YOU PEOPLE?
WHAT ARE YOU, ANY-WAY?
SFX: GUWA (SWOOSH)
NO...
DON'T USE VIOLENCE!!
...YOU'RE GONNA GET SOME MORE OF THIS!

!?
GA (WHACK)

S-
SO WHAT? SHE DESERVED IT FOR TALKIN' BACK TO US!


WHOA.
DUDE, YOU JUST PUNCHED A GIRL...
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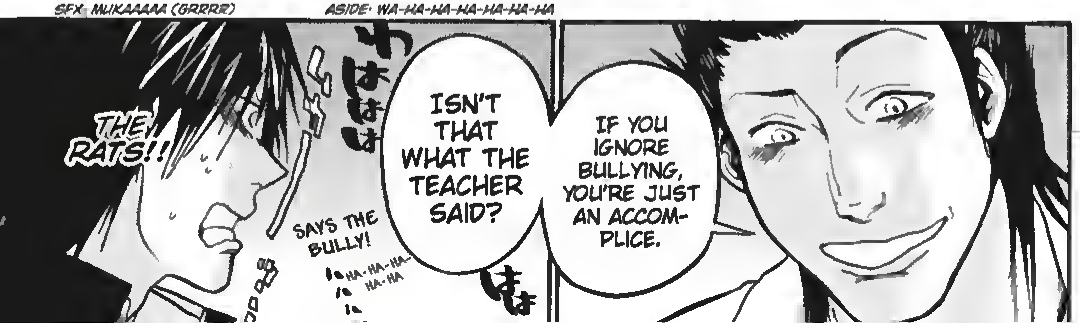
HOW DARE YOU STRIKE A DEFENSE-LESS GIRL...
NO!
INUZUKA-KUN...!

LET'S JUST GO!

SFX: NIYA (SMIRK) NIYA
I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T STAND TO WATCH BULLYING GO UNPUNISHED!
HA HA!
WHAT'S WRONG, CLASS REP?
INUZUKA-KUN!
PLEASE?
CLASS REP...
LET'S GO!
FORGET THEM.


SFX: MUKAAAAA (GRRRR)
ASIDE: WA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
THE RATS!!
SAYS THE BULLY!
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
ISN'T THAT WHAT THE TEACHER SAID?
IF YOU IGNORE BULLYING, YOU'RE JUST AN ACCOMPLICE.

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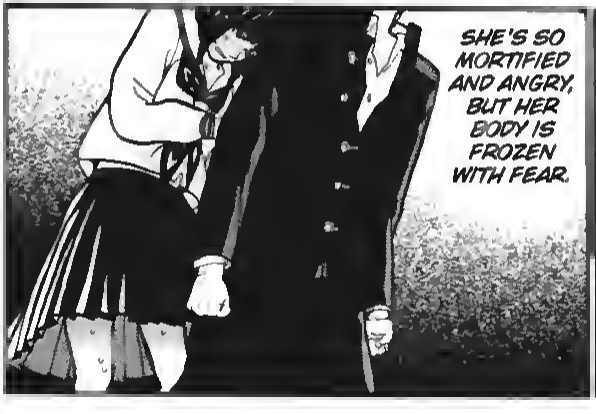
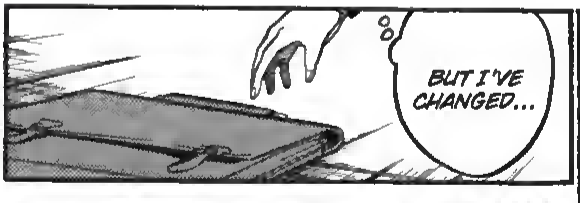
GYA HA HA HA
GU (CHNG)
グッ…


SHE'S SO MORTIFIED AND ANGRY, BUT HER BODY IS FROZEN WITH FEAR.

POOR CLASS REP.
SHE'S SO FRUS-TRATED.


BUT I'VE CHANGED...

!
SU (SHAKP)
COME ON, INU-ZUKA-KUN!

EVEN NOW.
I KNOW THAT.
I KNOW THAT FEELING.

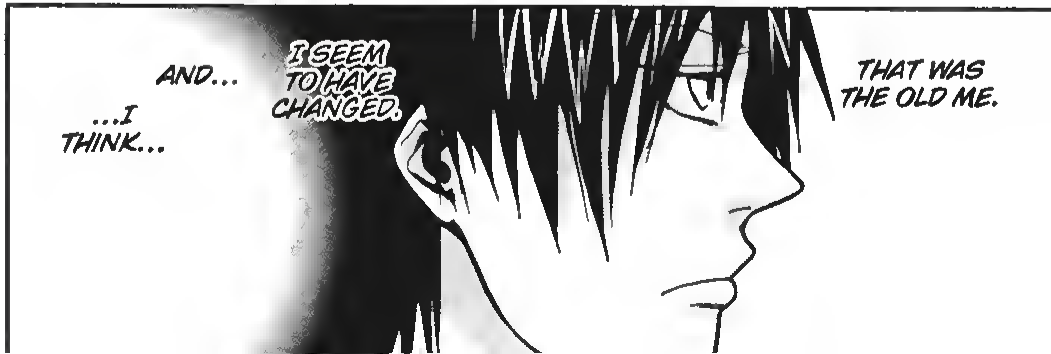
T-
TOMOR-ROW!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL...
I USED TO THINK THAT WAY TOO...
WE JUST CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!
WE CAN'T HELP IT...
I USED TO BE THIS WAY.. DESPERATE TO FIND AN EXCUSE...
RIGHT?
WE NEED TO GO HOME AND STUDY.
WE'VE GOT A TEST TOMOR-ROW.
...YOU'LL BE PROSECUTING MUCH BIGGER CRIMES THAN THIS!
THE SAME THINGS...?
IN THE FUTURE...
THE SAME THINGS.
YES, I'D THINK OF THE SAME THINGS...
AND PLUS...
...YOU HAVE A FUTURE DREAM! TO BE A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR!
EVERYTHING SHE'S SAYING...
OF COURSE.

THERE ARE BIGGER, WORSE CRIMES FOR ME TO PUNISH IN THE FUTURE.
I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO BOTHER WITH THE LITTLE THINGS.

PLUS...
...IS THE OLD ME!
!!
YOU SHOULD GET YOUR LIP SEEN TO.
JUST GO.
BAH. I DON'T THINK SO.
YOU CAN RUN OFF TOO IF YOU WANT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
GO. PLEASE.

I'D BE TOO ASHAMED TO EVER SHOW MY FACE IN PUBLIC AGAIN!
"ALLOWED TO RUN AWAY" BY THE LIKES OF YOU...?

YOU'D JUST SHUT UP AND DO WHAT WE SAID!
YOU NEVER TALKED BACK TO US BEFORE!
WHY, YOU...
WHA—!?


AND...
...I THINK...
I SEEM TO HAVE CHANGED.
THAT WAS THE OLD ME.

...IT WAS SHE WHO CHANGED ME...
ZA CZMO
ALL RIGHT, THEN! WE'RE GONNA KILL YOU NOW!

!!!
HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF THE PREY TURNING ON THE PREDATOR?
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!!
DA (DMM)

IT STILL FEELS WAY BETTER ...
...THAN THE DAYS WHEN I'D JUST DO THEIR HOME-WORK.
I GUESS I SPOKE TOO SOON...
HEKO (BOW)
HEKO
PLEASE, DON'T SWEAT IT.

YEAH...NO BIGGIE.
Y-YOU'RE HURT!
WELCOME BACK, KOUSHI-DONO.
I'M HOME.
NO, I DON'T NEED BAN-DAGES!
DON'T SAY THAT! YOU MUST TAKE BETTER CARE OF YOURSELF.
DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.
I'LL TEND TO YOUR WOUNDS RIGHT AWAY!
.....
I-I'M SORRY... THAT WAS INCONSID-ERATE OF ME...
LOOK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE.

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!?
.....
.....
.....
PATAN (THUMP)
パタン
WELL...
I'LL JUST LEAVE THE KIT THERE FOR YOU.
SFX: GARA (SHHK)
ガラ
H-
HEY.
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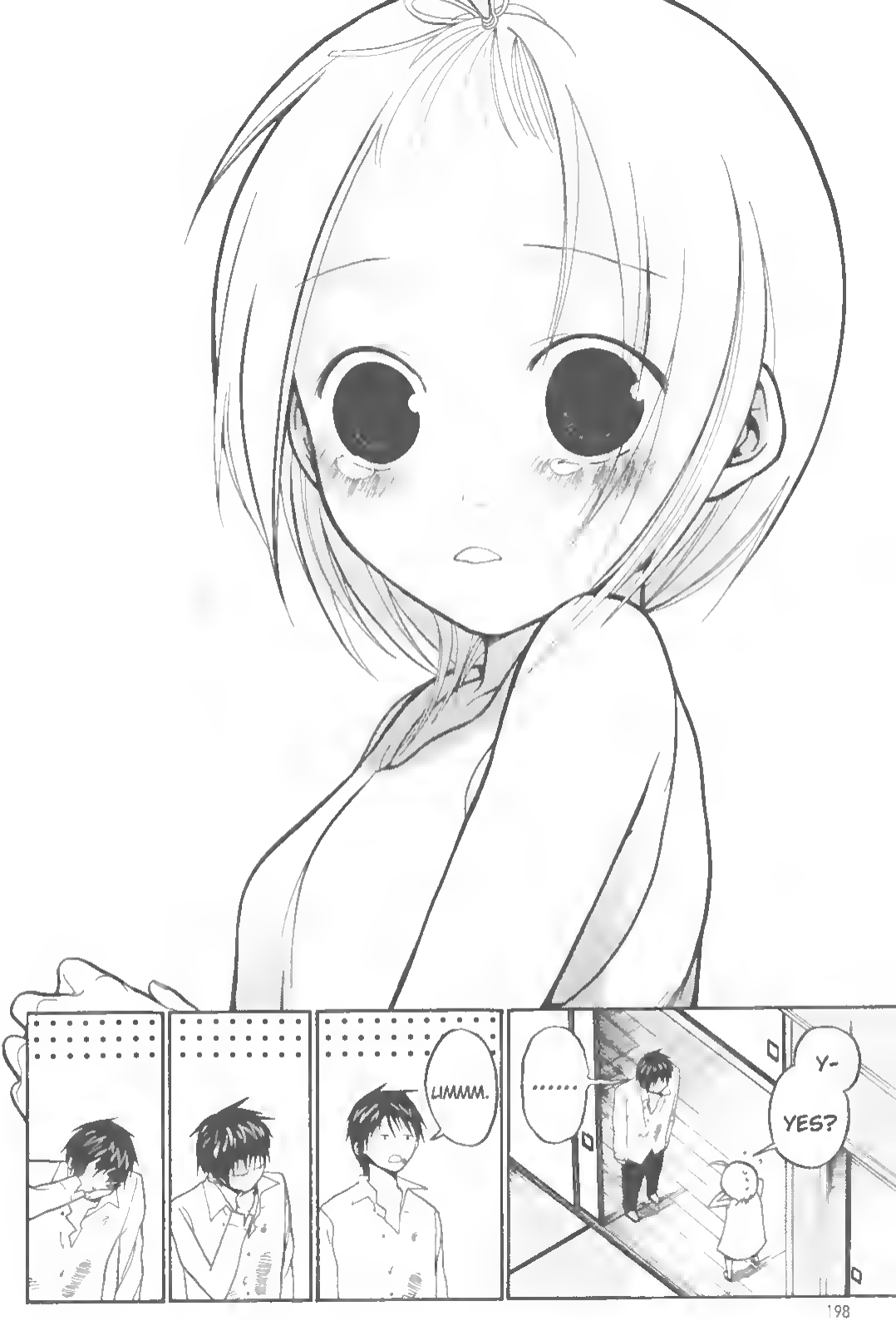
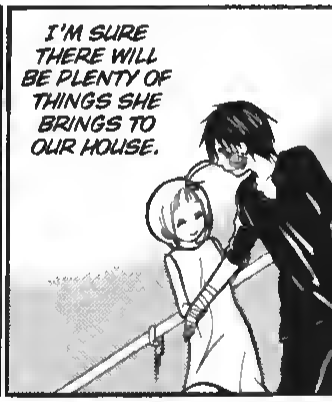

UMMM.
.....
Y-
YES?

I CAN'T WRAP MYSELF UP WITH ONLY ONE GOOD ARM...
CERTAINLY!
.....
OH...!

I GUESS IT'S NOT SO BAD WITH HER AROUND.
OH, WELL.

...SOME OBNOXIOUS.

SOME OF THEM PLEASANT...


I'M SURE THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF THINGS SHE BRINGS TO OUR HOUSE.

KOUSHI-DONOOOO!
I REFUSE!
BUT I THINK I CAN GET OVER THAT.
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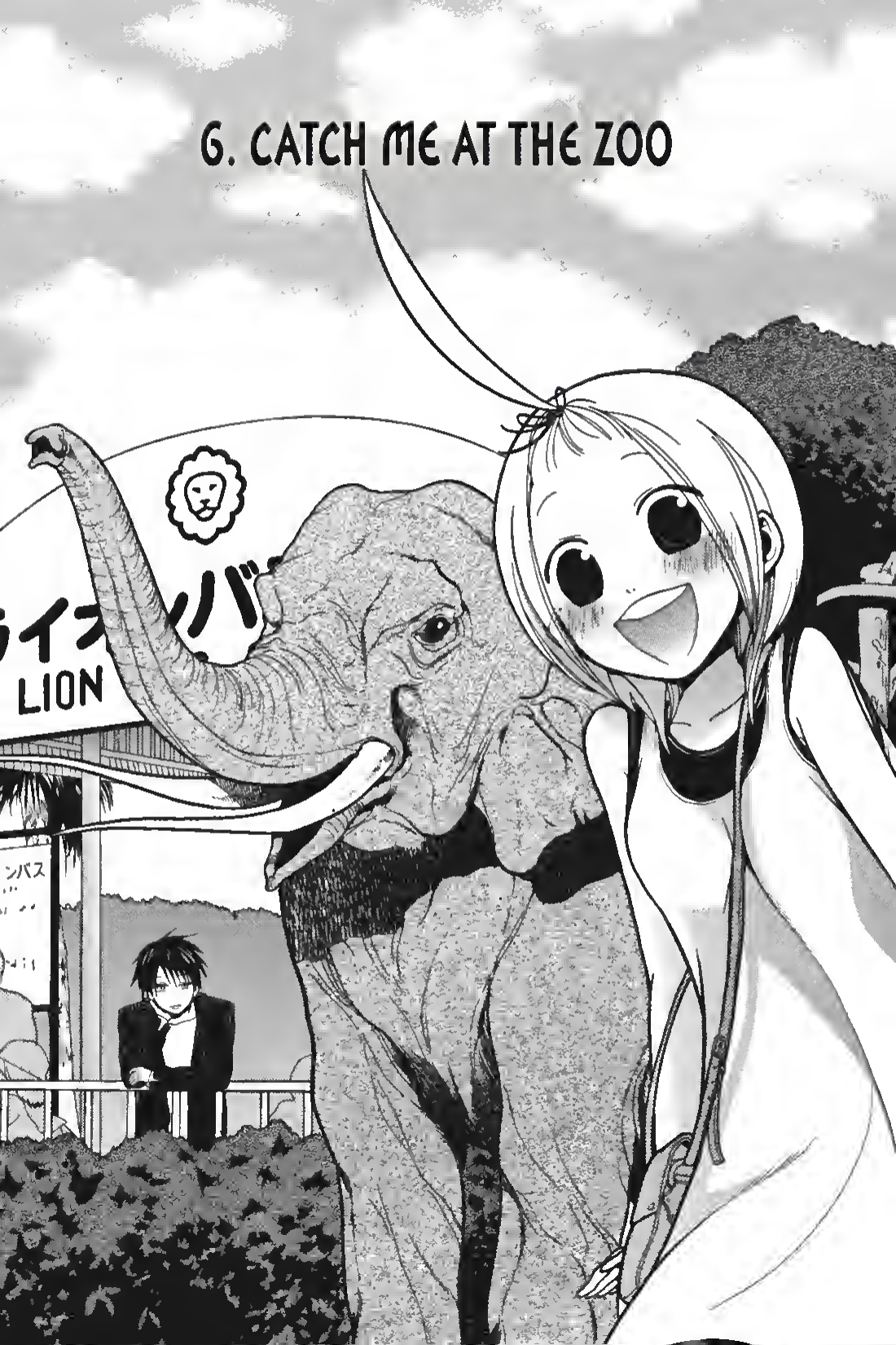
6. CATCH ME AT THE ZOO



KOUSHI-DONO, THERE'S AN ELEPHANT!
IT'S AN ELE-PHANT!
IT'S AN ELEPHANT.
W-
WHY DON'T WE TAKE A TRIP?
TO THE ZOO, SAY!
I REFUSE.
A GIRAFFE!
SETTLE DOWN, ALREADY!
SHI (SHOO) SHI SHI
ARRRGH!
AN ELEPHANT!
A RHINO!
CHOKOMAKA
CHOKOMAKA (BONK)
THE WEATHER IS NICE, KOUSHI-DONO.
BLAST...I'VE BEEN LETTING HER GET THE UPPER HAND...

I LET HER GET THE BEST OF ME...
AND NOW.
UFU (HEE) FU FU FU FU
I SAID, I REFUSE!
.....
BOO-HOO-HOO!
WAHH WAHH!
WAHH WAHH!
SFX: HYOKKO (FRANCE)
HEH HEH
UH HEH HEH
HEH HEH
HEH HEH
HEH HEH HEH
JUST LOOK AT THAT CLUELESS FACE.
HYOKKO
ひょっ
ひょっ
100m
45 0m
LOOK, KOUSHI-DONO, LOOK!

THAT'S AN AFRICAN MOUNTAIN GORILLA.
AN AFRICAN MOUNTAIN GORILLA!
THAT'S A RHINO.
A RHINO!
THAT'S A HIPPO.
A HIPPO!
TIGER...
A VERY TIGERY TIGER.
YEP. IT'S A TIGER.
KOUSHI-DONO, IT'S A TIGER!
.....
ACK!
ボォーム

BUT IF THERE ARE ALL TWELVE ZODIAC ANIMALS...
KISHAAA (KHISSS)
KOUSHI-DONO! KOUSHI-DONO!
...THAT MEANS THERE WILL BE BIRDS AND SNAKES AND MONKEYS AND...
GENNARI (LIGHT)
NOW THE HORRIBLE MEMORIES ARE FLOODING BACK...
I THOUGHT I MANAGED TO FORGET.
DAMN!
?
SFX: GAOOOOMU! (GROWRRR)
AND SUPPOSEDLY MORE PEOPLE LIKE HIM ARE GOING TO ATTACK?
HE SAID HE WAS A TIGER...
NIKOOOO (SMILE)
LET'S GO LOOK THAT WAY NOW!
.....

OH, WHATEVER.
I CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT FOR TODAY.
IT'S SO PEACEFUL HERE.
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN?
K-KOUSHI-DONO ...
...W-WOULD THIS...
...UM, HAPPEN TO BE...
KYORO (SWIVEL)
KYORO
HA (GASP)
.....
...A DATE...
...PER-CHANCE...?

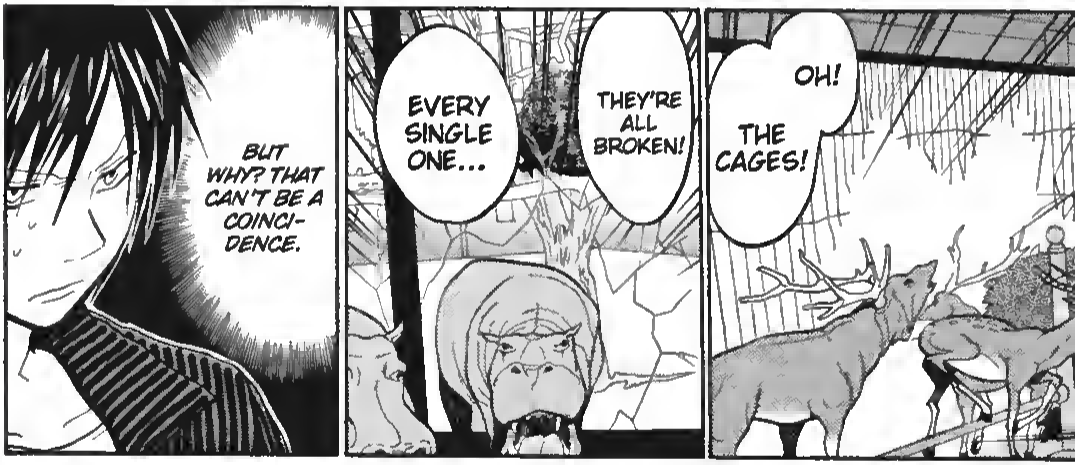
WHAT!?
NO.
NOT AT ALL...
...THEM.
IF I HAD TO PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE, WE'RE MORE LIKE...
NYU (BOIK)
にゅっ
YOU'RE WRONG.
SURELY THESE ARE THE IDEAL CIRCUM-STANCES FOR A DATE!
A WEEKEND! THE ZOO! A MAN AND WOMAN HOLDING HANDS!
BUT NO!

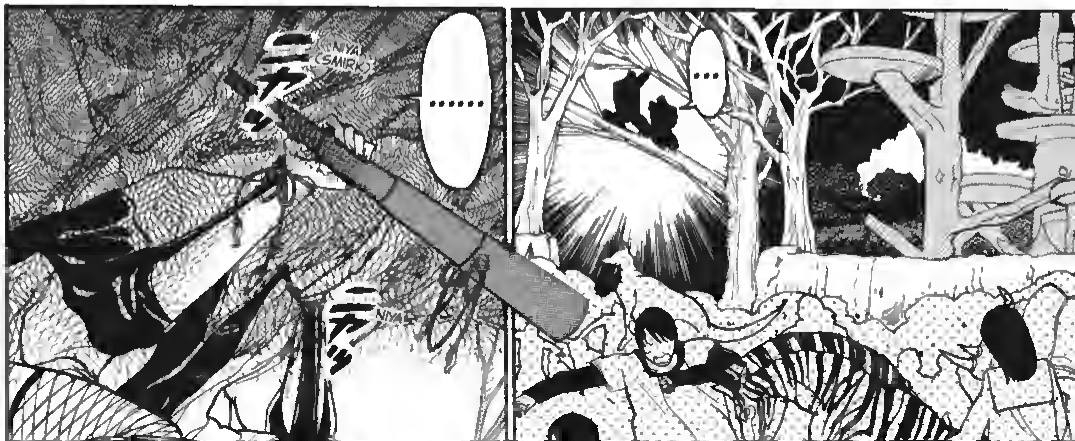
SFX: DODODODODODO (DMM DMM DMM DMM)

ZUDOOOOOOOOOO (STAMPEDE)
UWAA (AAH)
!!?
KYAAAA (EEEEK)
KYAA
KYA
UWAAAA! WAAA!

SFX: DODODODODO
W-WHAT'S GOING ON...!?
PAOOO (WOOO)

SFX. DODODODODODODODO (DHHHHHH)





SFX. HIKKU (HIC) HIKKU SFX. WAAH WAAH

GOGOGOGO
POLAR BEAR
HEIGHT: 2~3 M.
LARGEST LAND CARNIVORE.
MAIN PREY: SEAL.
LOVES REINDEER TOO.
POLAR BEAR
REINDEER
SEAL
KOUSHI

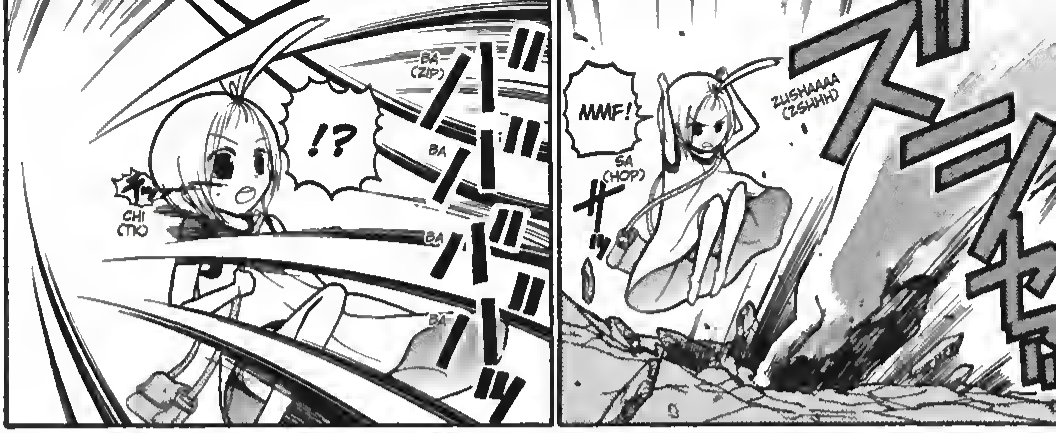
.....
ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

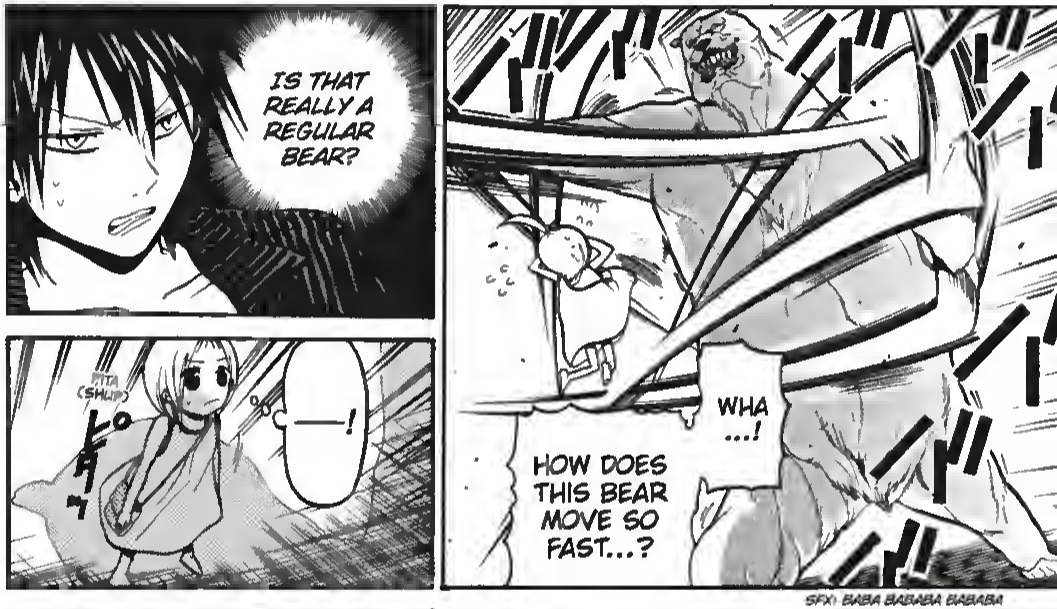
UH...
HEY... LET'S SCRAM...
HUH!?
SU (SWISH)

NO, I'LL BE FINE.
I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A POLAR BEAR BEFORE, BUT...
THAT'S A POLAR BEAR, DAMMIT! IT EATS REINDEER !!

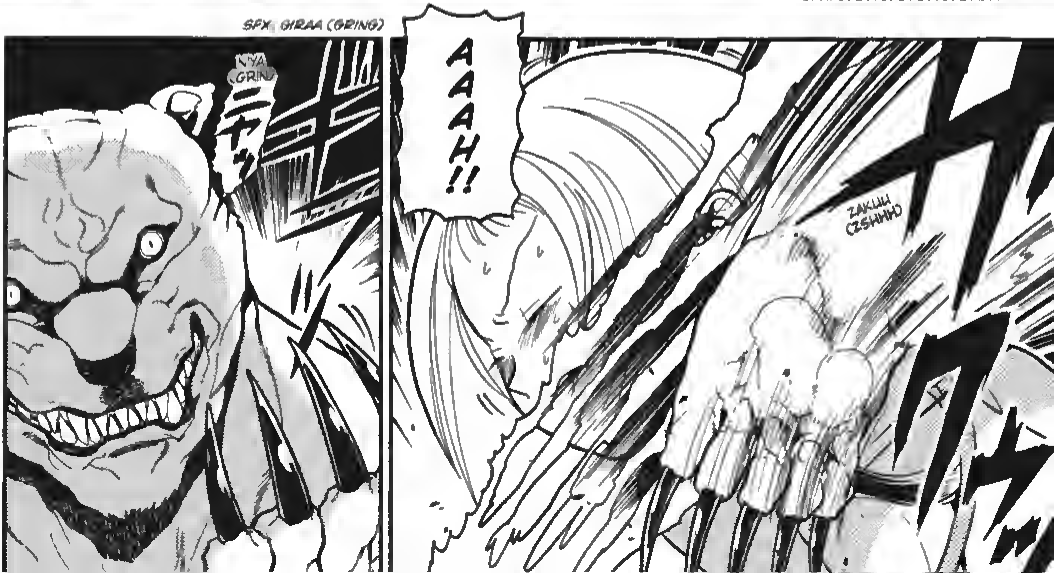
NO, NO, NO! THIS IS CRAZY, EVEN FOR YOU!

アギャー
ANGYAAAA (HURRAAAH)
KONNORI (BLOINK)
こんのり
...BUT DURING TRAINING WHEN I WAS NINE, I BEAT A BEAR.
THIRTY-NINE OF THEM, ACTUALLY!
SFX: GAAAAAAO (RUAAAAH)
ZUN! (WHOOSH)
"CON-VINCE" IT? HOW ...?
I'LL CONVINCE IT NOT TO ACT UP!
TA (HUP)
ZO (SHIVER)
R-REALLY, NOW...
SFX: KYAAA
...THIS BEAR SEEMS LIKE IT'S BOUND TO ATTACK SOMEONE SOON.
AND BESIDES ...
WE CAN'T LET IT ROAM FREE!
GAGLURURURU (GRRRR)
WAAA!
WAAA!
WAAA!





SFX: BABA BABABA BABABA



SFX: GOGO GOGOGOGO ...? (MMMMMMMMM ...?)

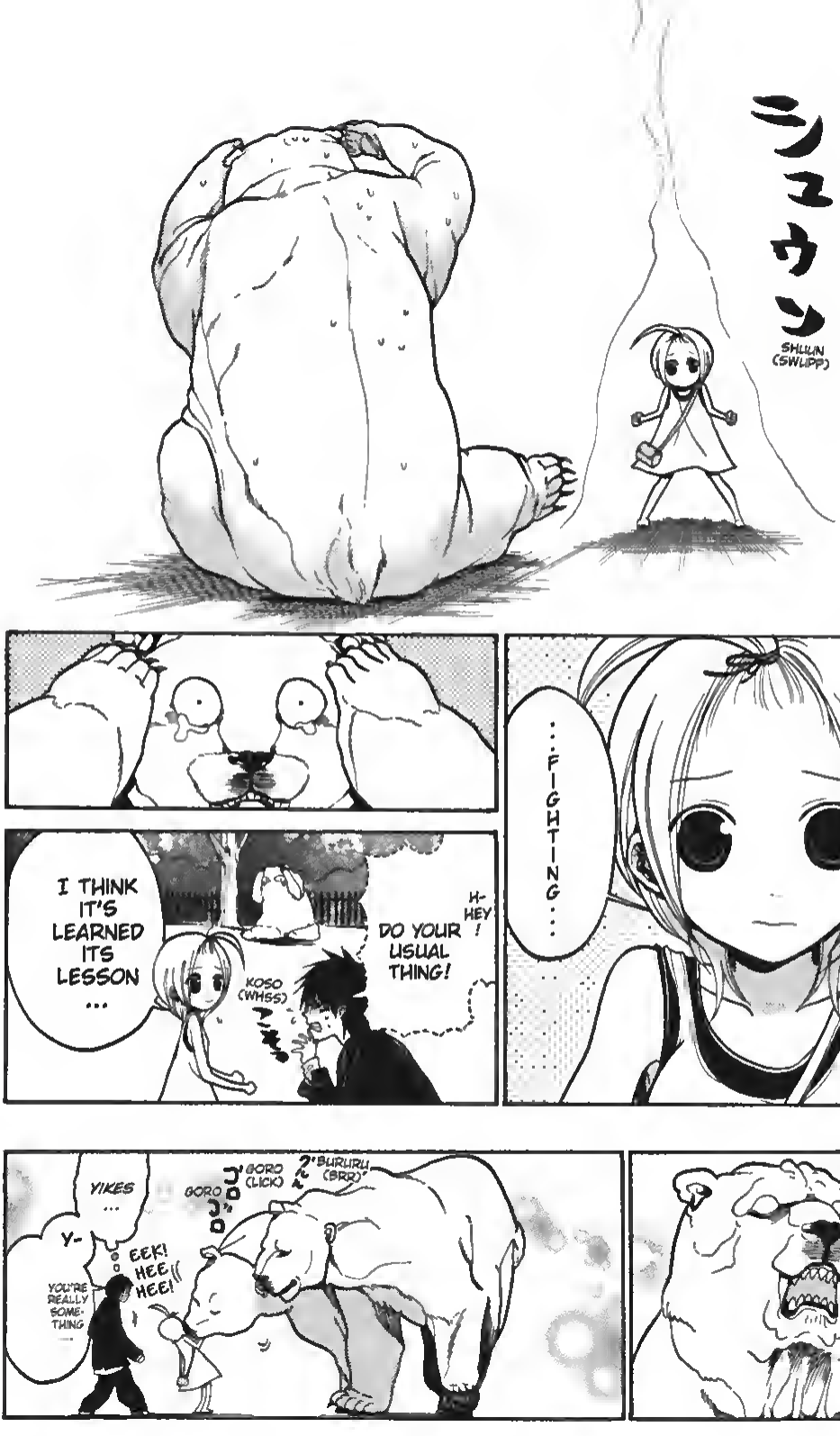
!!??
GOGOGOGO (DMMMM)
GOGOGOGO
ゴゴゴゴゴ
ゴゴゴゴゴ
(SHIKI)

GORO (RMMB)
GÖRO
SU (SHH)
……

……

PIKAA (FLASH)
BISHA (KSHHK)
GOROGORO
GORO
!?
!?
GOROGORO...
ゴオオオオ
GOOOOOOO (GWOOOOOO)

NOOOO...
クワァッ
KUWAA (KRAAA)
ギャワァー
GYAWAAA
GAKU (KNOCK)
ガク
GAKU
ガク
GAKU
ガク
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU
GAKU BURU (SHIVER)
GAKU BURU


シュウン
SHUUN (SWUPP)
...FIGHTING...
H-HEY!
DO YOUR USUAL THING!
KOSO (WHSS)
I THINK IT'S LEARNED ITS LESSON ...
GORO (CLICK)
"BURURU (BRR)"
YIKES ...
Y-
EEK! HEE HEE!
YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING

SFX: GYORO (GRKK)

ONLY ONE FAMILY WILL BE ABLE TO KILL KOUSHI INUZUKA...
...AND THAT IS THE MIYAMOTO FAMILY, THE MOST POWERFUL CRIME SYNDICATE OF THEM ALL!
END
DON (BOOM)

TRANSLATION NOTES

Sumomomo Momomo is part of a well-known Japanese tongue twister which reads, "Sumomo mo momo mo momo no *uchi*," and roughly means,"Plums and peaches are part of the peach family."

Page 3
***Hoira Ichiden Musou-ryuu* Secret Art:** Sounds like a mouthful, doesn't it? This translates roughly to "Hoiro Line Peerless-Style Secret Art." Hoiro is the name of one of twelve heavenly generals that are said to protect Yakushi Nyoroi, the Buddha of Medicine. They are each associated with one of the twelve Chinese zodiac animals. In the particular grouping which concerns this story, Hoira is connected to the "dragon"...which just happens to be one of the symbols in Momoko's family name, Kuzuryuu.

Page 7
***Basara Fudou Shingan-ryuu*:** This means, roughly, "Basara Immovable Mind's-Eye-Style." Like Hoiro, Basara is another of the twelve heavenly generals, but he corresponds to the "dog" sign of the Chinese zodiac. Just like in Momoko's case, the character for "dog" is in Koushi's family name (Inuzuka).

Page 12
***Osu*:** A common greeting in martial arts.

***-dono*:** An honorific suffix. While originally meaning "lord," dono came to be used for people of rank to show respect. It is used rarely in modern times. Momoko's frequent use of "dono" in the series is part of her archaic and formal speech.

Page 13
Six Codes: The six main legal codes (or areas of law) that make up the main body of Japanese law. They are: the Civil Code, Commercial Code, Criminal Code, Constitution of Japan, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Code of Civil Procedure.

Page 94
The Twelve Martial Arts Families each correspond to the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac, which include the dog (inu in Inuzuka) and the dragon (ryuu in Kuzuryuu).

Page 101
***Shindara Retsu-ryuu*:** This translates to "Shindara Fierce Iron Style." Shindara is another of the heavenly generals, associated with the tiger of the Chinese Zodiac. As with Koushi and Momoko, the character for "tiger" appears in the name "Kagonei."

Page 123
Hara-Kiri is the colloquial term for the ritualistic form of suicide known as seppuku (See below). The literal translation is "cutting the belly."

Page 147
Plastic bottles: There is a very common urban legend in Japan that says cats are wary of plastic bottles filled with water and will avoid them. Studies have shown that this is completely untrue, but nevertheless it is a well-circulated piece of modern folklore.

Page 150
Seppuku is a ritualistic form of suicide practiced by Japan's samurai. Generally it is characterized by self-disembowelment using a sword stroke from the left to the right of the belly and was often regarded as a means of retaining one's honor.

Page 155
Mortal enemies/Marriage: As you can tell, there is a pun at work here, which we were able to work into English fairly close to the original. In Japanese, the confusion is between the words "kekkon" (marriage) and "ketto" (duel), which both share the letters "ke" at the start.

Page 159
Jinshin War: A succession dispute that broke out following the death of Emperor Tenji in 672 A.D.

Genpei Wars: A series of conflicts between the Taira and Minamoto clans from 1180-1185. Led to the establishment of the Kamakura shogunate.

Nanboku-cho Wars: A long period of wars between the Northern and Southern Imperial Courts of Japan, from 1336-1392.

Onin War: A civil war from 1467-1477 that initiated the "Warring States" period (Sengoku-*jidai*) during which many daimyo fought to control all of Japan.

Battles of Kawanakajima: A series of battles between the Takeda and Uesugi clans on the plain of Kawanakajima from 1553-1564, during the Warring States period.

Boshin War: A civil war fought in 1868-1869 between the military Tokugawa shogunate and the supporters of the imperial court.

IROHA MIYAMOTO, AGE 15...
MIYAMOTO FAMILY...
HEE HEE!
KURU
KURU
KURU
KURU
MY HENCHMAN, HANZO...
GASP! OH NO!
!?
NADE (RUB)
SORRY. YOU OKAY?
I'VE COME FOR YOUR LIFE, KOUSHI INUZUKA...
...FOR THE SAKE OF MY CLAN!!

THE FIERCE COLLISIONS OF HUMAN DRAMA.

SUMOMOMO, MOMOMO

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